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Protestors hope their objections to energy plant will be accepted at appeal hearing

MORE than 1,000 people who signed a petition against a wood-fuelled energy plant being built in Barry will be hoping that their arguments are accepted, when an appeal by the company is heard in a few days time.

Sunrise Renewables Ltd wants to build a nine mega-watt plant on land at Woodham Road in the docks area.

Last year, the Vale Council's planning committee turned the proposal down, but on June 8 a public inquiry will consider the arguments of both the company and

by TIM CHAPMAN

those opposed to the plant.

The inquiry is likely to last three days.

Local Castleland councillor, Chris Elmore, told The GEM that he knew of many residents and businesses who had made formal objections.

He said: "It is my intention to speak at the inquiry, as my concerns still remain from when this application was rejected by the planning committee last year.

"My main objection is the location of the site in relation to the existing housing in Castleland and the future development of the Waterfront. I also have concerns about

noise and the increase in traffic that the plant will create if it is approved for the Cardiff Road area."

He added: "A huge amount of work has been put into the campaign opposed to the development, and this was shown by the 1,050 people who signed the petition.

"Councillors listened to the majority of residents when they rejected this application last year.

"My hope is that the inspectorate will now listen to the views of local residents as well."

LOCATION

A few weeks ago, Keith Stockdale, of Friends of the Earth, hailed the fact that

Sunrise had withdrawn its second planning application as "a great first stage victory" - but his attention is now turning to the appeal on the original application.

Mr Stockdale said: "Hundreds of letters of objection and statements have been presented to the inspector.

"Several individuals and groups, have also been given the right to address the inquiry."

Max Wallis, also from Friends of the Earth, claimed:

"We think those opposed to it need to press the case that this is a large and noisy industrial plant, that will be running all night within range of many dwellings.

"We would urge people opposed to the incinerator, to attend the opening of the inquiry at the Dock Office, at 10am on June 8, and show the inspector the strength of our opposition."

Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth's next meeting is in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, on June 1, when the appeal will be top of the agenda.

When the Vale Council rejected the original proposal, a spokesman for Sunrise Renewables (Barry) Ltd told The GEM that the company was "extremely disappointed".

He signalled the fact that an appeal was on the cards by arguing: "The decision clearly went against the recommendations and technical advice of officers."

£1million fraud investigation
 A 47-year-old man from the Cowbridge area has been arrested on suspicion of investment fraud in excess of £1 million.

A police spokeswoman said that the alleged offences are said to have taken place over four years.

Island residents demand... 'PLEASE PUT STOP TO LOUTISH BEHAVIOUR'

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE residents of an estate on Barry Island say their weekends are being made a misery by thoughtless visitors who park across their drives and pavements and act in an anti-social way.

Betty and Fred Marshalsea moved to the Island in the hope of a peaceful retirement with lots of sea walks, but have considered moving from the Adar y Mor, Gweno y Mor estate because of the disruption on Saturdays, Sundays and busy holiday periods.

Betty said: "We moved here four years ago from St Fagans, but what should be a nice retirement is being denied.

"Day trippers park all the way across the pavements and block drives. There are days when a

fire engine or ambulance could not have got through to some houses.

"People walk across gardens, abandon rubbish, including soiled nappies, and we've even seen them urinate against walls.

"Visitors who come to the Island in their cars should use the properly designated areas and the car park - not a residential estate."

Fred said: "Our retirement is being spoiled and we have even considered selling. What we need is the council to put up a sign 'Access for residents only' just outside the estate.

"Last summer, I called the police on a number of occasions because the car parking problems were so bad."

This year the problem has continued and the couple say visitors some-

times park across people's drives so they can't get their own cars out.

Betty said: "We're grateful to Jane Hutt AM, who has taken up our case and written letters to the police and the council."

The Vale AM attended a recent PACT meeting at Barry Island Community Centre attended by 15 residents, where she listened to their concerns.

Residents understand that the police had a meeting with council officers on May 20, and are keen to find out whether any action can be taken to prevent anti-social incidents.

RESPECT

Jane Hutt told The GEM: "I have been supporting the residents of Adar y Mor Estate over the past few months because of the abuse and nuisance they are suffer-

ing from those visitors to the Island who park across their driveways and on the pavements, and who leave behind rubbish and worse.

"I have visited the estate and attended the PACT meeting at Barry Island - and have written to the police and Vale Council about these matters. I have also made a number of suggestions.

"Firstly, there could be white or yellow lines alongside the dropped curbs to safeguard the pavements - particularly for wheelchair users and pushchairs. There is at least one wheelchair user on the Adar y Mor estate and the dropped curbs have been designed for this purpose.

"Secondly, there could be a 'no access' sign to this estate, with similar measures applied to the rest of the Island in terms of parking restrictions."

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Calling Brussels' balance sheet to proper account

YOUR correspondent's encomium on the EU (GEM letters, May 13) ignores the fact that any money we get from it is only a part of what we gave to it in the first place.

If we kept our own money, not only would more be available for the worthy causes he mentions, but we could spend it as we see fit – and not as we are told by Brussels.

Goodness knows how much of it is lost in EU salaries, expenses, pensions, fraud and plain incompetence as the cash winds its way through the EU's apology for an accounting system.

We may recall that its accounts have not been approved for 14 years. Any government giving millions of pounds a day to such a private company would have ended up in jail decades ago.

Of the 1.7 million invaluable jobs created

under New Labour, the Office for National Statistics says that 1.6 million have been taken by immigrants. (Editor – Daily Express 8/4/2010).

And why do we need the EU to tell us what is safe to eat and drink? Can we not work this out for ourselves? As to humanitarian aid, if your correspondent had £100 to give to charity, would he pick one himself, let the UK government distribute it, or send it to Brussels?

Finally, what about the EU commissioners who rule our lives now? Proportional representation? First past the post? If Lord Mandelson is anything to go by, they are elected on the single vote of their best friends. How do we voters get rid of them? We can't.

The European arrest warrant and habeas corpus, bailing out profligate Greeks and EU doctors too dangerous to be let out are for another time.

RH Bradshaw, Cowbridge

True scale of the cuts for Wales?

LAST week, Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks, was accused of 'scaremongering' by our new Conservative MP Alun Cairns, about the size of cuts to Welsh public services – £220m this year.

Would Mr Cairns give that same answer to the independent Auditor General for Wales who said, only a few weeks ago, that Wales could expect around £3 billion of cuts during the next three financial years?

If so, then it is in direct contrast to what he said on the campaign trail last month, when he

clearly relished immediate cuts of £6bn from UK spending.

Mr Cairns cannot be all things to all people: his Conservative government has already failed Wales at the first hurdle, by not implementing a fair funding scheme that means we continue to lose out by a further £300m per year – money that should, by right, be going to our schools and hospitals.

When job cuts begin and public services are lost because of a lack of funding from Westminster, there will be nowhere for Mr Cairns to hide.

Dr Ian Johnson, Barry
(The writer was the Plaid Vale candidate at the general election)

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AM hits back at the Vale Council over consultants' charges

I WAS surprised to read the comments of Peter Evans, Director of Legal Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, (GEM, May 20) in response to an appeal I made to the Information Commissioner about the authority's refusal to supply some information on the costs charged by consultants.

Mr Evans makes reference to bills submitted by a consultant containing personal details including address, bank account number and sort code.

I wanted to make it perfectly clear that I did not, and would not, request such personal information.

The council could have easily removed those details, while still providing what was asked for.

The Information Commissioner found against the authority in a 25-page judgement and dismissed the council's arguments in support of its refusal to provide the information requested.

It found that the authority had breached and incorrectly applied six sections of the

Freedom of Information Act.

The Commissioner made it clear that there is strong public interest in transparency in relation to the use of public money. I trust the council will now embrace the Freedom of Information Act instead of trying to avoid scrutiny over how it spends public money.

LEANNE WOOD,
(Plaid Cymru AM, South Wales Central)

'Vale trunk road is the answer!'

I FIND it hard to believe that a two-page spread had been inserted in The GEM by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out public views on the Five Mile Lane road between Sycamore Cross and Weycock Cross.

I think if I asked my dog to say what was needed, he would tell me in a flash.

It needs a trunk road status-dual carriageway, with enough land each side for future requirements – the road straightened with a roundabout at each end!

For goodness sake, get on with it and stop wasting time and money in this fashion!

JW Jenkins, Cardiff

Were you in the Observer Corps?

THE Observer Corps was founded 85 years ago this year, in October 1925, to provide visual detection, identification, tracking and reporting of aircraft over Great Britain.

As a result of their role during the Battle of Britain, in April 1941 the Observer Corps was granted the title Royal by King George VI, and the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) became a uniformed civil defence organisation administered by RAF Fighter Command.

Also during that same year, in a change from the policy of the Observer Corps, the ROC undertook to recruit women personnel for the first time.

Initially, the only uni-

forms provided were RAF overalls, with an ROC breast badge, commonly referred to as the 'soup plate' because of its shape and size. Standard issue RAF No.2 Battledress uniforms were issued in a rolling programme over the next two years. For the remainder of the war, the ROC would provide an essential part of Great Britain's air defences.

I am seeking photographs of local people who served with the ROC in WW2 to display as part of the forthcoming 'Armed Forces Day' event at Cardiff Bay on June 26 and can be contacted by telephone or e-mail.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition; tel 07708 255295 or email: ninian27@btinternet.com

Don't spoil the park!

CARAVANS at Porthkerry Park? What an horrendous idea... The park is the loveliest spot in Barry.

Please, please, please don't spoil it!
Valerie Lowning, Rhooose

Nowhere to park in Llantwit Major

CAN anyone tell me what has happened to Llantwit Major car park? For the last three weeks, as regular shoppers there, my husband and I have not been able to find a vacant parking space as the car park is full of cars.

We had to leave and go elsewhere to do our shopping as there was nowhere to park.

We have decided it is not worth wasting petrol to go there again and decided to go elsewhere.

Has anyone else found this a problem?

C Turner, Wick

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 3)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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28 Fri	07.18	9.4	19.39	9.5
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30 Sun	08.41	9.2	21.02	9.3
31 Mon	09.21	8.9	21.38	9.1
01 Tues	09.56	8.6	22.15	8.8
02 Wed	10.33	8.3	22.55	8.4
03 Thur	11.11	7.9	23.36	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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MP & AM's

SURGERY TIMES

New MP Alun Cairns is still finalising his contact details but, to make a surgery appointment with Mr Cairns, contact the constituency office on 01446 733516 or e-mail alun@aluncairns.com

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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QUEEN'S PRESENTATION AT WINDSOR

BARRY-BORN BUSINESSMAN RECEIVES MBE

BARRY-BORN businessman, Mr Geraint Evans, has received his MBE from the Queen at Windsor Castle.

Earlier this year, Mr Evans was named in the New Year Honours list in recognition of more than 20 years' voluntary service to education in the Vale.

At the time he told The GEM: "I was gobsmacked by being nominated – it's not something you expect, and I had no hesitation in accepting it as a tribute to my wife Caryl, who died last May."

Mrs Evans had been a governor of Ysgol Sant Curig and, along with Mr Evans, campaigned to set up a



ABOVE: 'A very special family day' – Mr Geraint Evans received his MBE at Windsor Castle from the Queen and was accompanied by his daughter Elin and his son Dewi.

Welsh medium school in the Vale.

Mr Evans, the former managing director of Dan Evans in Barry, has been the chair of the governors at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

for the last six years.

He was accompanied to the investiture by his daughter Elin, a researcher for a media company in Cardiff, and son Dewi, a law student at the London

School of Economics.

Mr Evans told The GEM: "It was a very special family day. It was great to meet up with my son, who is now based in London."

"Afterwards, we went out for a family celebration meal in Bray."

Mr Evans added that he was looking forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in September – the school was founded in the year 2000.

"It is a significant milestone in light of the success of the school in its initial 10-year period. It goes from strength to strength and I know there are plans afoot for a celebration."

'Keep Barry tidy!' – appeal in response to town litter 'spree'

by
TIM CHAPMAN

A COUPLE who live in an idyllic area of Barry have said they are tired of people using the road they live in to dump rubbish.

Nine years ago, Mary Hodgkinson wrote to The GEM to express her frustration at people flytipping and littering along Pencoeetre Lane, but instead of matters improving over the years, she and husband Windsor have found it is getting even worse.

Mrs Hodgkinson said: "Over the years, the rubbish problem has worsened and to add to it we now have an immense amount of dog droppings along the verges of the lane."

Mr Hodgkinson, who farmed the local fields from 1964 until his retirement in 1997,

explained: "We have people driving along the lane and throwing out fast food packaging, but also flytipping rubble, garden waste, and even electrical items in the bushes."

"My wife has to phone the council to inform them rubbish has been dumped, and they respond quickly to pick things up. If people respected green areas, this would not be happening."

"I go along the lane sometimes up to twice a week to tidy up. This week there was even a coat hanging up in the bushes."

(When Mr Hodgkinson took The GEM along to view the piles of flytipped rubbish, the coat had disappeared, so someone thought it was still a worthwhile item!)

Mrs Hodgkinson added: "Why can't people dispose of rubbish properly? I don't know why littering is so bad in this country. I've travelled through Europe visiting countries like Germany and Belgium and you just don't see it –



ABOVE: This was one of a number of piles of rubbish abandoned on either side of Pencoeetre Lane.

in Brussels you don't see so much as a sweet wrapper on the ground!"

Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing with the Vale Council, said:

"Unfortunately, the illegal depositing of waste would appear to be far worse in the UK than some, but not all, European countries."

"Both fly tipping and littering are environmental crimes and those guilty of committing these offences are liable to fines, and even imprisonment, in the most serious of cases."

"There is a clear need to change public behaviour in the UK, to stop these mindless people spoiling our local environment. As far as this council is concerned, anyone caught littering or fly tipping will be

ally of a satisfactory standard of cleanliness, as specified by the Welsh Assembly Government's code of practice on Litter and Refuse and Associated Guidance 2007.

"We have, however, committed additional cleansing resources to the lane as a consequence of Mrs Hodgkinson's concerns and will be undertaking enforcement activity in this location in the near future."

"Hopefully, this further cleansing and enforcement will assist in reducing problems of littering and fly-tipping in the future."

● Mrs Hodgkinson reported that a Vale cleansing vehicle was in Pencoeetre Lane on Monday and the verges were being tidied on Tuesday.

'Respect Island residents' – call

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The AM added: "I have asked for a response to these issues. Barry Island is a wonderful place to visit, but the residents must be treated with respect."

A Barry police spokesman said: "We are aware of the problems affecting parking on Barry Island during busy periods and are working closely with our partners

within the Vale Council to address the matter in the long term."

"Interim steps are also being taken to improve the situation and prevent illegal and inconsiderate parking in the area – with the erection of new signage, use of temporary parking bollards during busy times and increased patrols – where any vehicle parking illegally or inconsiderately will be dealt with accordingly."

"Neighbourhood police officers are currently distributing leaflets to every home in the area to keep residents informed of the situation."

Miles Punter of the Vale Council said that the concerns of residents on the estate were raised by Island councillor Steffan Wiliam at the meeting on May 20.

"Coun Wiliam requested that officers give urgent consideration to

measures that would assist these residents with the problems they were experiencing, particularly on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays."

"Officers considered the matter in detail and were able to offer a possible solution to Coun Wiliam, who personally visited a number of residents on the estate to explain the proposals."

"As a consequence of his discussions Coun Wiliam has arranged that, from this forthcoming bank holiday, no parking notices will be erected throughout the development as part of a pilot scheme. These signs will advise visitors to the area that they could face a fine for illegal parking, including obstruction."

Mr Punter added: "These offences will be monitored and acted upon by the police during this forthcoming bank holiday period. Officers."

"Coun Wiliam will consider, in consultation with local residents, the effects of these controls to establish if they should be implemented on a permanent basis and whether any other measures are necessary."

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FREAK OUT!



RIGHT: The new white knuckle ride.

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Bonvilston collision victims are named



ABOVE: A large section of wall of the renovated cottage was demolished when it was hit by the van.



Peter Clump



Thomas Larvin.

FOLLOWING a fatal road collision at Bonvilston on May 19, the two men who died have been named.

Peter Clump, aged 51, and Thomas Larvin, aged 21, both from Tamworth, Staffordshire, died after their Mercedes van left the road and collided with the wall of a cottage at 3.50am. No other vehicles were involved in the collision, and no-one else was injured.

Mr Clump, who had been driving the vehicle, sustained serious injuries during the collision, and was taken by ambulance to the University Hospital Wales in Cardiff, where he later died.

Mr Larvin, who was the passenger in the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The families of both men are currently being supported by trained family liaison officers.

The police are appealing for witnesses, and investigating officers are keen to speak to anyone who was driving through Bonvilston at the time.

Inspector Jason Stroud of the Roads Policing Unit said: "It is vital that we speak to anybody who witnessed the collision or witnessed the vehicle being driven prior to the collision.

"If you have information that could help the investigation but have not yet spoken to us, we'd urge you to please contact us."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit on 02920 571600, or 101; alternatively, Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555111.

Reunion a success

THANK YOU for publishing my previous letter regarding the 50th anniversary of the opening of the building known as 'Maes-y-Coed' in Gladstone Road, Barry.

As a result, so many old friends and contacts met at the Mencap Hall. Many thanks also to Malcolm Russell for his kindness and to Val Lovering who never stopped making tea and looking after everyone.

My day was so good, meeting friends extending from 1969 to the present day; thank you all for taking the trouble to come to the hall.

I hope the Maes-y-Coed building continues to provide good service in the spirit in which it was first intended. Maybe we can have another reunion next year!

Barbara Milhaisen (Jenkins)

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Local boxer in GB team



Andrew Selby.

GB BOXING has selected a 12-man team to compete in the forthcoming European Championships in Moscow and Andrew Selby of Barry is in the team, which is made-up of nine English boxers, two from Wales and one Scot.

GB Boxing's men have won 16 medals in three major international competitions in 2010. In February, the team landed three bronze and a gold for Andrew Selby at the Bocska in Hungary. The GB team won a medal in every weight category at the Commonwealth Federations in March when it secured four gold, one silver and five bronze.

DOG WARDEN'S PLEA: 'Who abandoned these puppies?'



THE Vale Council's dog warden service is calling for any information that may help to identify the origins of a litter of puppies abandoned in the Barry area.

The puppies, one male and seven females, were taken to a veterinary surgery on Tynwydd Road, Barry, to be cared for after they were discovered dumped in a holdall on a resident's door step.

The dog wardens are trying to identify the breed of the puppies and where they came from, which will then help them to be suitably re-homed.

If anyone has any information that could help, contact the council's dog warden service on 01446 700111.

Pupils meet the local bobby

PUPILS from years one and two at Murch Infants School, Dinas Powys met one of their local bobbies recently, when the Neighbourhood PCSO, Michelle Griffiths, called in to talk to the children about 'How the Police Help'.

PCSO Griffiths explained what she does on the beat in the local community.

"It was great to meet the young children in their school. They were all very interested in learning about what we do and were particularly keen to hear about the police horses and dogs," she said.

"By visiting local schools, the pupils get to know me and then it is easier for them to approach me when I am on the beat in Dinas Powys - if they have a problem, or even if they just want a quick chat about something."

CHARITY LUNCH

DINAS POWYS WI are hosting a lunch to raise funds for the local RNLI branch on Saturday, June 5 from 12noon in the parish hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

A choice of homemade soups will be followed by a ploughman's plate (perhaps that should be a sailor's plate!). An assortment of homemade puddings will follow with tea or coffee.

A raffle will be held to raise funds for this worthy cause. There will be a licensed bar and diners will be able to purchase homemade WI cakes to take home. Tickets for this charity lunch are £7.50 and are available from WI secretary Jill Davies on 029 2051 2100 and WI committee member Sally Anderson on 029 2051 2268.

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Barry youngsters help the mayor to open a footbridge

THE sun shone on Barry for the official opening of the Thompson Street footbridge, when local schoolchildren helped the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Emlyn Williams, with the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The mayor welcomed councillors and representatives of the organisations involved with the project, before snipping the ribbon held by Eve Limbrick and Kieran Woolaston, from Gladstone Primary School and Charlotte Rose and Aaron Bollingham, from Holton Road Primary School.

The bridge was commissioned by the Vale Council, and council Leader, Gordon Kemp, commented: "The bridge is an important link between Barry's new Waterfront development and the town centre. The council was determined that this link be built and I'm pleased to say the bridge, which I'm told is a 60 tonne structure, was built within budget.

"The bridge is just one of several regeneration projects that we are progressing, as we work to regenerate the town."



CUTTING THIS RIBBON IS A SNIP!

ABOVE: Left to right: Kieran Woolaston and Eve Limbrick of Gladstone Primary School and Aaron Bollingham and Charlotte Rose of Holton Road Primary School hold the ribbon ready for cutting by Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Emlyn Williams, watched by the Mayor's consort, Mrs Joan Williams and the Leader of the council, Coun Gordon Kemp.

RAF Rhian graduates at Cranwell

A NEWL-qualified RAF officer from Rhose, recently graduated from a prestigious military college.

Rhian Watts (22) graduated as an Acting Pilot Officer from No 18 Initial Officer Training (IOT) course at the officer and aircrew cadet training unit in RAF Cranwell, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

She joined 143 other cadets outside the historic college hall to parade in front of Air Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, Chief of Joint Operations, and Permanent Joint Headquarters (UK).

Music was provided by the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment and there were flypasts by a Typhoon aircraft from No 3 (F) Squadron, RAF Coningsby.

Rhian, whose parents David and Kaye still live at Rhose, attended Cwbridge Comprehensive School before graduating from



RHIAN WATTS

the University of Glamorgan with an HND in public and emergency services.

After working as a customer assistant with Marks and Spencer in Cardiff, she joined the RAF and will soon begin her professional training with personnel branch.

"Graduation was a great end to the 30 weeks of physically and mentally challenging training," said Rhian after parading in front of her family and friends.

Rhian is a former member of 2300 (St Athan) Squadron Air Training Corps.

Llandough Hospital to provide new signs as work progresses

PLAID CYMRU regional AM Chris Franks has been promised that improved signs will be provided for patients and visitors to Llandough Hospital.

The South Wales Central AM, wrote to the Cardiff & Vale Health Board following a complaint from a resident about pedestrian links while major building works, due to be completed in 2012, were taking place.

The work includes the replacement of the outpatient department, the rehabilitation day hospital and a new 82-bed assessment unit.

In his letter to the board, Mr Franks said that his constituent had faced difficulty getting from the bus stop at the hospital into the hospital itself.

"There was no clear signage to direct pedestrians and people who had left the bus. In the end my constituent had to ask one of the building staff for directions but unfortunately the person was not helpful. She finally gained entrance to the hospital through the ambulance entrance."

Mr Franks added:

"Plaid is delighted that there is significant investment at Llandough. However, the building work must be managed so as to avoid inconveniencing the public where at all possible."

In a letter to the Plaid AM, director of planning, Paul Holland, said: "Building work of any nature inevitably causes disruption and we ask our patients, staff and visitors to consider this when they attend the site and to bear with us while we work to make these major improvements to our facilities and enhance the treatment provided in the future."

"Despite this, I agree that it is very important that appropriate signage is in place to direct patients, particularly when the normal pedestrian route is not available. I have asked the assistant director of capital and estates and the assistant director of patient experience to take action to improve the signage and route map on the hospital site while this work is ongoing."

"I am sorry that the member of the building staff was less than helpful, and should be grateful if you would pass on my apologies to your constituent."

Charity golf day

THE Cowbridge-based charity, Glaze, has organised a fundraising golf day at the highly-regarded Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Glaze, which raises cash for treatments for both prostate cancer and benign prostate conditions, are hoping that teams of four will sign up for the day, which is on June 25. Tee times are available between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The founder of Glaze,

Ray Murray, told The GEM: "The cost for a team of four is £280, and this includes a round at one of the most prestigious, exhilarating and historic golf courses in the UK."

"The day includes a two-course meal, and there is a car as a prize for a hole in one at a selected par three. It will be a great day out in aid of a worthy cause."

For more information, or to book a place, telephone Ray Murray on 01446 774545 or on ray@glazecharity.com

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Chilli Panneer)) £2.25
Cubed Indian soft cheese in olive oil, spiced with red chilli paste, garlic and ginger.

Sheesh Poori (New) £3.25
Mince lamb kebab with barbecue topping in a tortilla wrap.

ROYAL UNIQUE DISHES

Royal Balti Special (New) .. £6.95
Grilled chicken breast, stuffed with mince lamb, fresh garlic and chilli sauce with caramelized onion, served with naan bread.

Royal Special Biryani (New) £7.50
Cubed chicken breast, stuffed with mince lamb, served with Royal Balti unique sauce.

Royal Special Side Dish (New) £2.50
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CHEF'S TASTERS OF THE MONTH

Karahi Murgh Kofta (New) £6.50
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Tandoori chicken cubed in a variety of fresh green herbs and spices, peas, green chillies and green beans.

Chingri Karahi (New) £7.95
Pan tossed king prawns cooked in a medium spiced moist sauce with garlic, ginger and coriander.

Tropical Balti (New) £5.95
Chicken, lamb and prawns, cooked with spinach.

Chicken/Lamb Shatkora £5.95
Bangladeshi citrus lemon fruit bringing a tangy taste to its dish cooked with fresh spices.

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NEW VALE MAYOR IS ELECTED AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE

A MAN who worked as a lawyer has become the new Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Colin Osborne represents Llandough on the council, and he was invested with the chain of office at the annual meeting by outgoing mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams.

Mr Osborne was nominated by Coun Jeff James, who said that he had given excellent service to the community in his role as a councillor.

He said: "He and his wife Ruby are a well respected and well-liked couple."

"Colin will become first citizen of the Vale, and I am sure Colin and Ruby will fulfil all our expectations of a mayor and mayoress."

Coun Osborne thanked his colleagues for the honour of electing him as mayor, and said he was particularly keen to enhance the council's stewardship of children and young people throughout the Vale.

His chosen charities will be East Vale Community Transport, Llandough Primary



Coun Colin Osborne and wife Ruby.

School and Ashgrove School.

Coun Osborne is a Rhondda boy who attended Porth Grammar School.

He graduated in law from Birmingham University and then trained as a solicitor. He did his National Service at the War Office.

After this, he joined a law firm in the City of London, married Ruby and lived in Wimbledon. He returned to Wales after his parents retired to Penarth and worked in Cardiff.

He later became a corporate lawyer with Wales Gas, where he remained until his retirement in his 50s.

education and is a governor of Llandough Primary School.

Coun Osborne is also an external examiner in A-Level Law for the Assessment and Qualifications Authority.

He is a past president of Penarth Rotary Club and past Secretary of Penarth Supper Club, as well as being a trustee of Rectory Road Bowling Club in Penarth and of East Vale Community Transport.

His other main interest is music.

The deputy mayor is Coun John Clifford of Llantwit Major, who was elected to the Vale in 2004, but has 30 years' service on Llantwit Major Town Council.

He was also nominated by Coun Jeff James, who said that he had worked tirelessly for the community and the church in the town.

He was invested with the chain of office by outgoing deputy mayor Val Ellis.

Coun Emlyn Williams thanked everyone for their support during his year of office and said it had gone very quickly. He thanked his wife Joan for all her support during the year.

Retiring Mayor hands £18,729 to his charities



Coun Emlyn Williams and his wife Joan with representatives of local charities who benefitted from his year in office. From left to right: Pam Allinson, Terry Ewington, Rene Gannon, Jenni Sweet and Peter Woollacott.

RETIRING Mayor of the Vale, Coun Emlyn Williams, raised £18,729.42 for charities during his year in office.

Of this, £2,328.82 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society; £3,883.44 for the Cardiff & Vale Breastfriends Support Group; £4,886.97 for the National Coastwatch Institution at Nell's Point; and £6,124.55 for local charities through

fortnightly coffee mornings. The Mayor's Charity Ball at Dyffryn Gardens raised just under £4,000 and Coun Williams thanked several companies for their contributions. Coun Williams said: "This is a fantastic sum and Coun Williams to raise for our local charities and we have had some great fun along the way at our fundraising events. I would just like to thank everyone for their support."

Bridge Club results

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 17 were:

First, Debbie and Simon Richards 66.25 per cent; second, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 65.21; third, Sue Norris and Sue Summerhayes 60.21; 4th, David Wright and John Raymond 60.00; 5th, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 59.17; 6th, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 56.04.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club results, May 18:

First, Terri Pollard and David Wright 59.92; sec-

ond, Myrtle Hansard and Margaret Bancroft 59.52; third, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 56.35; 4th, Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 55.95; 5th, Pat and Brian Swain 53.17; 6th, Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 52.38.

Please note that we are now back at the Llanblethian Church Hall every Tuesday, starting at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members, as well as the support of existing members each week, to help improve funds and purchase new equipment.

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Vale MP's bilingual oath of allegiance

THE Vale's new Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, has made his oath of allegiance to the Queen in both Welsh and English.

Mr Cairns took the oath in the chamber of the House of Commons and used both languages – prompting speaker John Bercow to comment that it was a pleasure to hear the Welsh language spoken.

Another Welsh MP also took the oath bilingually at the same time – Glyn Davies, the new Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire.

Roadworks report

Plassey Street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street, Arcott Street and Windsor Road, Penarth – carriageway width restrictions.

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place.

PLAID SURGERY

PLAID Cymru AM Chris Franks, will hold a surgery on Friday, May 28, at Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys, between 3.30pm-4.30pm.

No appointment is needed.

Loos talk

RHOOSE History Society meet at 7.30pm on Friday, May 28, at the Rhose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose, when the speaker will be Gavin Davies from Penmark who will give a talk on the Battle of Loos in the First World War.

Fundraising weekend for local disabled riders



LEFT: Countrywide's Emma Underwood, riding for the Disabled Association volunteer, Glenda Thompson (left) and disabled rider, Gordon Foster-Blyth (on Dillon the horse), saddle up for the Countrywide Fundraising Charity Weekend which will raise funds for Riding for the Disabled.

A FUNDRAISING weekend to support the charity, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), will be held from May 28-31.

RDA is Countrywide's charity of the year and it is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through the provision of horse riding and carriage driving.

RDA is reliant on voluntary help and donations to deliver its services. Wendy Kupinski of the Bridgend

Countrywide store on South Road explains: "RDA is an amazing charity which really transforms people's lives and we have set ourselves the target of raising £50,000 for them in one year."

"Over the bank holiday weekend, this fun, fundraising event will take place at our store with a bouncy castle, a raffle to win Joules clothing and gift vouchers."

"There will be a chance to see miniature ponies and staff will be in cowboy and Indian fancy dress."

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THURSDAY JUNE 10 Leave 2.30pm back 7.30pm
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Great Western Railway - Mixed Traction Day
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Penarth teachers to tackle Mount Kilimanjaro



Staff at Ashgrove School in Penarth have been inspired to tackle the challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro after successfully applying for a Community Chest grant to set up an activity and walking group.

A SPORTS and physical activity grants scheme has inspired teachers at a Penarth school to lace up their walking boots and tackle the challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Earlier this year, staff at the Ashgrove School for children with autism successfully applied for a Community Chest grant to set up an outdoor activity and walking group. Agreed by a panel of volunteers with sup-

port from the Vale Council's sports and play development team and Sport Wales, the grant enabled the staff to buy equipment including walking poles, head torches and a first aid kit.

A hardy dozen are taking their walks to the next level by climbing Africa's highest summit in July as part of the school's fundraising drive. They hope to raise enough money to transform their current playground into a sensory playground, full of interactive equipment that the children can explore to

develop their sense and skills. The deadline for the next round of Community Chest grant applications in the Vale of Glamorgan is Friday, July 2, and to find out more please call Karen Davies on 01446 704793 or request an application form by calling Julie Morgan on 01446 704748.

Meanwhile, you can follow the Kilimanjaro challenge online at www.climb4autism2010.blogspot.com, where you can also make any donations.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Ramblers take in Ross-on-Wye

RECENTLY on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, 10 walkers joined their leaders Terry and Val for a trip up to Ross-on-Wye which is situated in south Herefordshire.

Originally simply known as Ross, the area became known as Ross-on-Wye in 1931 because of confusion with other similar place names.

In perfect walking weather, the group set off and joined the banks of the River Wye which divides Wales from England. Walking on the Welsh side of the border they followed the river and during a coffee break, watched some of the many canoeists having fun and exercise on the Wye.

Along the river bank they witnessed a stand-off between a heron and a pair of swans who no doubt were nesting nearby, and saw mallard ducks with their ducklings, and Canada geese.

They stopped for lunch while gazing at the amazing Goodrich Castle. This red sandstone castle, with its empty moat, sits on a high rocky spur which overlooks the Wye River and commanded a river crossing known as Walesford or Walford as it now known – a small village directly below the castle on the opposite bank of the river. It was known as Godric's Castle, probably named after Godric of Mappetstone and is now under the care of English Heritage.

During the Civil War, Goodrich was held successively by both sides and Sir Henry Lingen's Royalists eventually surrendered in 1646 after a siege when the famous 'Roaring Meg', a huge mortar, was used. This only surviving mortar from the Civil War has now been returned to the castle after a break of 350 years.

After their lunch break, the group crossed the River Wye over Kerne

Bridge into England and joined part of the Wye Valley Walk long distance path.

This led them along undulating pathways and through woodland up and down until they reached Chase Wood. This lovely old wood was covered in spring flowers with carpets of bluebells, wood anemone, yellow celandine and wild garlic, and at the top of the wood, which stands at 203 metres, is an ancient hill fort.

With all their climbing finished for the day, they left the pretty woodland and began their descent, returning to Ross-on-Wye through the village of Ashfield after a splendid walk.

On May 27, meet at 7pm at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 4-mile easy evening stroll at Cardiff Bay and the Barrage; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

On May 29, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 7-mile moderate walk at Pen y Fan Pond; contact Val H. on 029 2051 3274. (This replaces the walk in our programme).

On May 30, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile moderate walk at Woolaston and Tidenham on the Severn Estuary; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On June 3, meet at 7pm at Cosmeston Country Park for a 4-mile easy/mod evening stroll at Lavernock beach and Cosmeston; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk

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MIDNIGHT SLEEPWALKERS RAISE FUNDS IN CARDIFF FOR THE TY HAFAN HOSPICE

MORE than 1,000 pyjama-clad women took part in the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk in Cardiff organised by Joanne Eveleigh.

Sporting pink bunny ears and carrying fairy wands, the participants completed an eight-mile circuit of the capital starting and ending at the Millennium Stadium.



ABOVE:
In the Millennium Stadium waiting for the starting gun to sound.



ABOVE:
Signed in, numbered up and ready to go!



ABOVE:
Eileen Bennett and Lana Jones.

RIGHT:
Joanne Eveleigh the event organiser.



BELOW:
Ty Hafan's director of care Jayne Saunders and her friend Mary Woods leading from the front.



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This public exhibition will provide the local community with an opportunity to view the plans and find out more about how the DTC will look.

The exhibition will take place on:

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St Athan Community Centre
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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Assembly must focus on waste when cut-backs bite'

EARLIER this week, the Chancellor announced cut-backs to government expenditure because of the spiralling debt.

This year, there has been a need to cut £162m from the Welsh block of £15 billion, a figure significantly less than expected.

Cutting money is a difficult thing to do, but it is something that has to be done because public finances are in the worst state since the Second World War. Out of every £100 the government is spending, £25 is being borrowed.

Clearly, no individual, family or business could carry on this way and government is no different. That is why there is an urgent need to make moves to balance the books.

The government has made a commitment that front-line services needn't be affected, so long as we cut the waste out of



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

the 'back office'.

So, what does this mean for the Vale of Glamorgan? When the Assembly Government is considering where to cut back, I will remind them that we already receive one of the lowest levels of support across Wales.

I hope the Assembly will focus on internal waste in their system. They have already acknowledged that they should be able to save several hundred million pounds of waste in their operations.

At my last count, we received £115 less per person from the

Welsh Assembly Government than neighbouring councils. Multiplying this up amounts to some £25m difference every year. Imagine what we could do with that additional funding year on year.

New school buildings wouldn't be a problem and our council taxes could be a lot lower.

My worry is that we are already left short by the Assembly Government and if there are further pressures on their budget, I hope that we won't be squeezed further.

They use the argument that the Vale is more prosperous than other parts of Wales and that we can afford to pay more. I don't accept this.

Building a school or providing refuse services, costs the same here as elsewhere and we are already paying more than our fair share.

This is an area of policy where we need to work together on an all-party basis, to ensure that funding for the Vale is protected.

Did your relatives serve with Royal Observer Corps?

THE Observer Corps was founded 85 years ago this year, in October 1925, to provide visual detection, identification, tracking and reporting of aircraft over Great Britain.

As a result of their role during the Battle of Britain, in April 1941 the Observer Corps was granted the title Royal by King George VI, and the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) became a uniformed civil defence organisation administered by RAF Fighter Command.

Also during that same year, in a change from the policy of the Observer Corps, the ROC undertook to recruit women personnel for the first time.

Initially, the only uni-

forms provided were RAF overalls, with an ROC breast badge, commonly referred to as the 'soup plate' because of its shape and size. Standard issue RAF No.2 Battledress uniforms were issued in a rolling programme over the next two years. For the remainder of the war, the ROC would provide an essential part of Great Britain's air defences.

I am seeking photographs of local people who served with the ROC in WW2 to display as part of the forthcoming 'Armed Forces Day' event at Cardiff Bay on June 26 and can be contacted by telephone or e-mail.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman, Vale Heritage Centre Coalition; tel 07708 255295 or email: ninian27@btinternet.com

LLANBETHERY AND LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY NEWS

WITH the next phases of our restoration in the offing, we need to raise funds for the Saint Cadoc's Restoration Appeal, to ensure that our wall paintings are uncovered and preserved for posterity.

There will be a 'strawberries and Pimm's' party on the Rectory lawn on Saturday, June 5, at 4pm.

There are no tickets, although donations will of course be welcomed. You should also bring a rug or cushion to sit on! Cream teas will also be available.

We are also hoping to hold a concert in the church on the first weekend in July. Cowbridge choir are finalising details, so watch this space!

SAM SMITH

CHILDREN'S SECTION IS GROWING...**Getting ready for the Vale's best-ever Best-Kept battle!**

ACTIVITY is hotting up around Vale villages in the final stages of the annual best-kept village competition, prior to preliminary judging at the end of June.

Prizes of more than £2,000 will be awarded to the winners. The children's section has proved a big success and last year there were 20 entries.

Therefore, it has been decided to give them a special treat with a presentation at Dyffryn Gardens for representatives from all entries.

It will be held on July 7 in the Cory Education Centre, after school. Following a prizegiving and buffet, there will be a practical demonstration in the walled garden by Ceridwen Davies, the supervisor.

She was trained as a volunteer with the National Trust before spending five years at English Heritage.

Ceridwen has been given the daunting task of restoring the area, not cultivated for some time, into an Edwardian country garden, and is well



Ceridwen Davies, chairman Basil Watkins and secretary Richard Skinner.

ahead on this project. Apart from introducing soil improvement and planting vegetables, strawberries and fruit trees, she is also planting dahlias, which have a special place at Dyffryn, as Reginald Cory planted more than 1,000 varieties in 1912 in plant trials for the RHS.

Ceridwen will give practical demonstrations of her skills, as well as showing one of her favourite hobbies – how to build a scarecrow! In the picture (above) she is shown instructing the chairman and secretary how to train peas to grow, using branches.

So, for seniors and juniors, it is just over a month to go before judging starts with the final decision by Major Dan Clayton Jones, chairman of the Cowbridge Physic Garden!

Results will be announced at the annual dinner at Wenvoe Village Hall on Wednesday, July 14.

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Vale Council wins a transport award

THE Vale Council has scooped a prestigious industry award for its innovative work in delivering funding for sustainable transport solutions.

The authority's planning and transportation department picked up the accolade at the annual Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport awards (CILT), held in Cardiff Bay recently.

The council was the only authority from the south east Wales region to be shortlisted and was nominated for a total of three awards across three different categories – travel demand management, partnership and innovative solutions.

The team picked up the top prize in the 'innovative solutions' category, for its work in delivering funding for sustainable transport solutions through planning obligations negotiated as part of the development process.

On collecting the award, Coun Jeffrey James, cabinet member for planning and transportation and chairman of the South East Wales Transport Alliance, thanked CILT for recognising how the council is 'truly ahead of the game' when it comes to planning obligations.



Coun Jeffery James and Victoria Abraham, the council's planning obligations officer, collect the award in the 'innovative solutions' category at the CILT ceremony.

He said: "The Vale Council is extremely proactive in pursuing planning obligations on new development – and, as the submission showed, this has led to real benefits in terms of providing new transport infrastructure, improved public transport connections, facilities for walking and cycling – as well as road safety improvements."

The council also took the runner-up position in both the travel demand management category, for promoting cycling in the Vale with emphasis on cycling in and around schools; and the partnership category. There it was recognised for providing the new number 90 bus service which links Barry to Culverhouse Cross in



Mr Ben Winspear from Marks & Spencer Culverhouse Cross (runner-up with the Vale Council in the 'partnership' category).

partnership with Marks & Spencer, through funding provided by way of a planning obligation.

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre. (Telephone 01656 725219)

Gilmore needs an owner with a calm touch

THIS week: Gilmore is just over one-year-old. He's a sensitive young dog who is nervous in new situations and with strangers, the centre reports.

He is also very bright, active and playful. He gets on with other dogs and he would benefit from being homed with a calm, well-adjusted dog to help him settle.

He will need calm and consistent handling and lots of positive training to help build up his confidence. He is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours, a spokeswoman states.

Type of home needed: He needs an experienced owner who has trained dogs before, and who is willing to continue his training and socialising. He will benefit from living with another dog. He can live with older teenagers, 14 years and over.



'Make sensitive Gilmore happy.'

He will need an active owner who can provide him with plenty of exercise. Anyone interested in adopting him will need to visit him a couple of times to allow him time to get to know them.

The trust's annual summer fete & fun dog show will be held on Sunday, July 4, at Margam Country Park (Twyn yr Hydd House Entrance), 11am to 4pm. Telephone 01656 724598.

Local good causes get their reward from supermarket



ABOVE:

Local charities were guests at a cheque presentation evening at Waitrose.

WAITROSE Barry recently welcomed representatives from 12 local good causes to a cheque presentation evening, where a total of £4,000 was donated.

These had taken part in the branches 'Community Matters Scheme' between December 2009 and March 2010.

Each month, three local good causes are supported by the branch, with £1,000 being shared between them.

The evening was hosted

ed by branch partners Vicky Barree and Yvonne Carter. Not only was this a chance for the branch to present each good cause with its cheque, but it also enabled the representatives to meet and to learn about the other groups that had taken part.

Cheques were presented for the following amounts:

Barnardos Barry £310; Salvation Army Barry £380; Cardiff & Vale Age Concern Senior Health Shop £310; Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan £480; Vale Reds Disability Football Club £300; East Vale Community

Transport £220; The Army Benevolent Fund £330; RNLI Barry £380; Tenovus £290; 2nd/4th Barry Scout Group £390; Caerau Vale Trampoline Club £180; The International Tortoise Association £430.

The 'Community Matters Scheme' is open to any local good cause that is trying to raise money, not only registered charities.

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Rhoose Lifeguards hosts Great British Ski Series

EARLIER this month, Rhoose Lifeguards hosted its annual ski race - the first race in the Great British Ski Series.

More than 70 paddlers competed, ranging from juniors through to masters, and the combination of a stiff north-easterly breeze, an incoming tide and a long six km loop made for a real test of both skill and stamina.

Thanks go to all those who took part, to those that helped to organise the event, to Sian for organising the barbecue, drinks and cakes. Special thanks also goes to the IRB crews, Andrew Knowles, Babs Richards, Chris Evans, Simon Perry, Jack Giddings, Mike Williamson and Sam Blake and especially Richie Harrison for bringing a boat up from Saunton to help cover the race.

The results were as follows:

Under-16 boys
6km: 1, Tom Bolt - Portreath - ILS; 2, Jordan Roberts - Hayle - ILS; 3, Chad Bremner - Rhoose - ILS; 4, Matt Trehwella - Hayle - ILS; 5, Matt Hewitt - Portreath - ILS; 6, Joshua Canton - Saunton - ILS; 7, Tom Parker - Rhoose - ILS; 8, Scoob Lark - Woolacombe - Surf; 9, Keiran Knowles - Rhoose - ILS; 10, Ben Jolly - Hayle - ILS; 11, Sean Giddings - Rhoose - ILS; 12, Rowan Miller - Rhoose - ILS.

Under-16 girls
6km: 1, Ellie Parker - Woolacombe - ILS; 2, Teg Young - Rhoose - ILS; 3, Grace Clark - Woolacombe - ILS; 4, Charlotte Hewitt - Portreath - ILS; 5, Emily Coran - Hayle - ILS; 6, Lily Nichols - Woolacombe - ILS; 7, Anthea Young - Rhoose - ILS; 8, Emma Braggins - Rhoose - ILS; 9, Caitlin Young - Rhoose - ILS; 10, Kathryn Gardner - Portreath - Surf; 5, Shoreham - Surf; 8, Rob

Rhoose - ILS; 11, Abi Phipps - Rhoose - ILS; 12, Lauren Blake - Rhoose - ILS; 13, Rochelle Davies - Rhoose - ILS; 14, Nancy Roberts-Smith - Rhoose - ILS; Retired Hannah James - Rhoose - ILS; Retired Kirby Redrup - Rhoose - ILS.

Under-19 boys
12km: 1, Josh Newing - Portreath - ILS; 2, Freddie Hedger - Woolacombe - ILS; 3, Brandon Lark - Woolacombe - ILS; Retired Charles Grandfield - Rhoose - ILS.

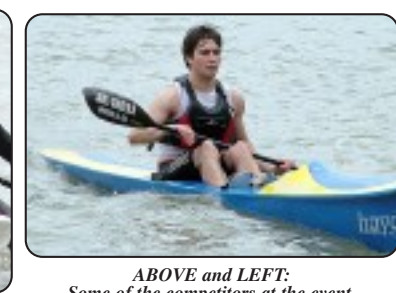
Under-19 girls
12km: 1, Eloise Neighbour - Rhoose - ILS; Retired Eva Murphy - Woolacombe - ILS.

Open Men - 18km: 1, Ivan Lawler - Elmbridge - Surf; 2, Glen Eldridge - Crantock - Surf; 3, Dan Humble - Portreath - Surf; 4, Tim Widdershaven - Portreath - Surf; 5, Shoreham - Surf; 8, Rob

Simon Dark - Bradford on Avon - Surf; 6, Mark Turner - Woolacombe - ILS; 7, Mark Ressel - Saunton - Surf; 8, Colin Smith - Woolacombe - Surf; 9, Ed Evans - Cardiff Bay - ILS; 10, Daniel Latham - Hayle - ILS; 11, James Grandfield - Rhoose - ILS; 12, Simon Jury - Cardiff Bay - Surf; 13, Andy Ferris - Carnock - ILS; Retired Chris Chorley - Bath - Surf.

Open ladies - 12km: 1, Chloe Bunnett - Independent - Surf; 2, Fay Mills - Woolacombe - ILS.

Masters Men - 12km: 1, Steve Hardman - Shoreham - Surf; 2, Peter Maycock - Exeter - ILS; 3, Richard Lewis - Bradford On Avon - Surf; 4, Paul Kingman - Independent - Surf; 5, Stuart Sherman - Woolacombe - ILS; 6, Richard Lark - Woolacombe - ILS; 7, Ivan Boddington - Shoreham - Surf; 8, Rob



ABOVE and LEFT: Some of the competitors at the event.

Knott - Bristol CC - Mike Childs - Sker - ILS; 9, Chris Hewitt - Portreath - ILS; 10, Gareth Harris - Sker - ILS; 11, Simon Parker - Rhoose - ILS; 12, Neil Johnson - Dawlish - ILS; 13, Mark Redrup - Woolacombe - ILS; 14, Dawlish - ILS.

Masters ladies - 12km: 1, Karen O'Donoghue - Rhoose - ILS; 2, Georgie Redrup - Woolacombe - ILS; 3, Claire Frank - Woolacombe - ILS; 4, Dawlish - ILS.

Open double - 12km: 1, Hugh Moldrum and Richard Lewis - Pen-y-Bont - ILS; 2, Alison Dark and Sharon Colen - Bradford on Avon - ILS.

Overall team competition: 1, Woolacombe - 39pts; 2, Rhoose - 21pts; 3, Portreath - 20pts; 4, Hayle - 10 pts; 5, Bradford - 7pts.

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Cadoxton lady bowlers gain impressive victory

TWO games have been played this week, in the Thursday afternoon league and Friday in the evening league.

It was a pleasure to play two games in such beautiful weather.

The Thursday afternoon was played at home against Millwood. Cadoxton rink one: J Pycroft, A Jones, M Slee, M O'Callaghan 23 - Millwood: J Rogers, Y Owen, F Luen, A Davies 9.

Cadoxton started the game strongly and maintained the pressure on Millwood by scoring multiple shots. Millwood did score on seven ends but were mainly only able to score singles.

Cadoxton rink two: J

Watkins, J Wood, P Davies, E Osbourne 15 - Millwood: J Selley, C Rich, J Dowling, M Knight 18.

Millwood made a good start by winning the first four ends, reaping six shots. Cadoxton made an excellent comeback by taking 13 on the next six ends, bringing the score to 13-7 in Cadoxton's favour. By end 14, Millwood had made a recovery bringing the score equal at 13.

In a strong finish, taking the last three ends for five shots, Millwood took the game.

Cadoxton rink three: P Bryant, P Cox, P Currie, J Tuck 17 - Millwood: J Mason, B Bailey, K Kerslake, S Froud 15.

Millwood took the first two ends for three shots and Cadoxton came back, making six on the next two ends. The game

was very evenly matched taking the shot in turn.

Cadoxton were in front, the score being 16-11 to them on end 16. The penultimate end saw Millwood gain a four, but they were unable to bag the last end to win the game.

Match total: Cadoxton 55, Millwood 42.

The second game of the week was at Dinas Powys in the Evening league.

Cadoxton rink one: C Hope T Parry, P Currie, P Cox 17 - Dinas Powys: O Coombes, J Illingworth, S Pullen, M Diment 16.

The first two ends were a great gain of five shots to Dinas to which Cadoxton retaliated by scoring one on the next three ends.

The scoring was very even with each side tak-

ing the lead in turn. At end 17, the score was equal at 16 and in a very exciting last end, Cadoxton scored one to win the game.

Cadoxton rink two: P Bryant, J Woods, D Evans, J Tuck 12 - Dinas Powys: A Falcon, J Haswell, C Westphac, J Meddell 17.

Cadoxton were very slow in starting and couldn't find the green. There were some very exciting ends where Cadoxton were holding, and Judith Meddins came in with her last wood and did her magic, turning four shots against to her gain.

Well done to Cadoxton for winning the last four ends to reduce the overall deficit.

Match total: Cadoxton 29, Dinas Powys 33.

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Cottrell Park ladies' away trip to St Pierre



Kay Bradbury and Chris Evans with Lorraine Pointon Bell.

THE Cottrell Park ladies thoroughly enjoyed their two days away at St Pierre Golf and Country Club.

On arrival on May 11, they stocked up with coffee and bacon rolls before playing on the challenging Old Course in a team Stableford competition, best two out of four scores.

This was won by Jackie Boyes, Anne Birt, Jan Crosby and Jayne James with 117 points. The second team were Helen Evans, Lyn Chamberlaine, Chris Evans and Elinor Norris with 104 points.

There was also an individual competition for the Lady Cottrell trophy which was won by Helen Evans with an excellent score of 39 points.

Nearest the pin was Jackie Boyes; longest drive 28 handicap and under went to Kay Bradbury; with over 28 handicap going to Tessa Matthews.

This was followed by drinks and the presentation of prizes by the ladies' captain Lorraine Pointon Bell, prior to a very good dinner.

The following day there was a greensomes competition on the Matheren course which was won by Kay Bradbury and Chris Evans with 39 points; second was Cath Domican and Bridget Roberts with 33 points on count back.

The prizes were again presented by Lorraine Pointon Bell.

Kay Bradbury thanked Lorraine for all her hard work organising the trip which was very successful.

The course was in good condition and the scenery was very attractive with many beautiful trees. The weather was cold but it fortunately remained dry.

There were more bacon rolls and coffee prior to leaving, and the ladies left tired but happy after a very satisfactory time away.

CB



Jacki Boyes with the lady captain.



Tessa Matthews.

Helen Evans.



Kay Bradbury with Lorraine Pointon Bell.

New basketball sessions give pupils a start in 'big school'



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Year-6 pupils from Cadoxton Primary School are joining year-7 boys from Barry Comprehensive School for weekly sessions on the

basketball courts at Cadoxton Sports Hall, in a joint project between the Vale Council's Dragon Sport and 5x60 schemes.

Ben Williams, the 5x60 officer for Barry Comprehensive School, said: "Pupils already benefit from transition days so that they can become familiar with their surroundings at secondary school,

and we felt that additional sports sessions would be another way of helping to make the move up to secondary school less daunting."

Ben added: "Sport is great for bringing people of all ages together, and these combined basketball sessions give the younger boys another taste of secondary school life by mixing with older pupils."

Barry Bluebirds under-14s carry the flag in Minehead



BARRY Bluebirds under-14s recently represented the town in the Easter and Spring Festival of Football at Minehead Butlins.

Manager Jeff Howells commented: "The lads and parents had a fantastic weekend, and the level of football from all age groups was outstanding."

"The team did

themselves proud in all of the games; a big thank-you to the lads, the parents whose fundraising efforts at Morrisons for kindly allowing us to raise money for the tour.

"We are also proud to announce we will once again, through shirt advertising, be raising awareness for Ty Hafan Children's Hospice next season," added Jeff.

Dinas off to flyer

DINAS POWYS Bowling Club hit the ground running with two wins against local rivals.

A convincing win against Barry club, Millwood, followed by a tough test against Sully leaves them in a strong position to top the league, with two games to go before the knockout stages.

Dinas Powys v Millwood. Skip scores Dinas Powys first. N

Leigh 22 R Jones 7; A Meddins 27 G Hindmarsh 1; J Greenslade 18 B Crookford 15; M Ackland 39 C James 14. Dinas Powys 106 Millwood 51.

Dinas Powys v Sully. Skip scores Dinas Powys first. N Leigh 25 C Best 6; A Meddins 19 C Williams 22; J Greenslade 19 P Rogers 15; M Ackland 21 B Griffiths 22. Dinas Powys 84 Sully 65. AD

Barry ladies rugby says that they need more fast women!

THE dream of setting up a ladies' rugby team at Barry RFC is now a reality, and the club are looking to recruit more players for next season, particularly some speed merchants!

The club was set up a year ago with the backing of partnership funding from Sport Wales and the Vale Council, and they recently played their first match against another new team, Pencoed Phoenix RFC.

The Barry RFC ladies suffered a 52-5 defeat, but are far from disheartened by a scoreline that has only whetted their appetite for more fixtures, as player coach Lisa Jordan said: "We were really happy with our try, which was the only one in the whole match that came from quality rugby!"

"We've got more forwards than backs in our team, so most of their tries came from a bit of pace. We are on the lookout for any speedy ladies that would like to play rugby and train with us during the summer please!"

Describing how the club has grown in just 12



months, Lisa said: "To start with, there were just the two of us, with a dream of getting a team up and running. We were wondering if anyone would actually turn up at the first few training sessions."

"We now have around 18 players who really enjoy the training, the social side and matches too. We may not have won a game yet, but the team has really bonded and we are already looking forward to new players joining and to getting fitter over the summer."

"This season was the start, and next year the competitive edge will kick in!"

The competitive rugby will take the form of regular fixtures against other women from across Wales in a new development league and cup

competition that has been set up by the WRU.

The Vale Council's rugby development officer Matt Silva, said: "We were mainly concentrating on setting up a girls' rugby team in Barry but thought that we would put the feelers out to see if there were any women interested."

"The response and progress since those early days has been fantastic, and we now have two women's teams in the Vale - this new team at Barry RFC and the already established one at Cowbridge RFC."

Barry RFC Ladies will be training twice a week during the summer on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the rugby club between 7pm-8.30pm. If you would like to find out more, please call Lisa on 07854

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146075. For further details about rugby development in the Vale for boys, girls, men and women, you can call Matt Silva on 01446 704603.

Cutters' sailing race takes Barry back in time!

THE largest-ever fleet of historic Bristol Channel pilot cutters visited Barry Yacht Club earlier this month.

A total of five boats, each 100 years old, 50-foot high and 80-foot long, recreated the glory years of pilot channel racing, which derived from boats competing to get to incoming ships first to offer their services.

Among the fleet was *The Mascot*, the largest-ever Channel pilot boat. Vessels came from as far away as Scotland and Falmouth especially for the event.

In the cutter race, the boats raced down the Bristol Channel on the Saturday past Ilfracombe to Swansea, and they returned to Barry on the Sunday.

The Commodore at Barry Yacht Club, Howard Metcalfe, said: "It was a special sight to witness these majestic, beautiful boats sailing the channel."

"We believe it was the largest-ever gathering of these boats in Wales. It was like going back in time and a privilege to behold."



ABOVE: The cutter Mascot in action during the race.

Based at The Pier Head Docks on Barry Island, Barry Yacht Club offers various types of membership including sailing, fishing, cadet, or social members.

It is a not-for-profit organization and was established in 1928. It currently has more than 250 members from all parts of the Vale and Cardiff, attracting yachtsmen from as far away as Bristol and Birmingham.

Further details about the club can be found at www.barryyachtclub.co.uk

VALEPLUS PLANTS AND COFFEE

VALEPLUS will hold a plant sale and coffee morning at 118A High Street, Barry, on May 28, between 10.30am-12noon.

There will also be a cake stall and sale of gifts from the ValePlus shop, Nova. All welcome, admission free.

For further information, contact ValePlus on 01446 746691 or steve@valeplus.org.uk

Dinas Powys council has new chairman

AT the annual general meeting on Thursday, May 13, Coun John Huw Williams was nominated to become the next chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council.

In proposing Coun Williams, Coun Janie Jones said: "I know that both Coun John Huw Williams and his wife Josie will conduct themselves with dignity and uphold the standards which we expect of the chairperson of the community council during his year in office."

A native of Ystalyfera in the Swansea Valley, John Huw was an accomplished musician, as well as a keen sportsman, and was a cornetist in both Ystalyfera town band and also in the National Brass Band of Wales.

On leaving Ystalyfera Grammar School he went to the Cardiff Institute of Sport and trained as a teacher, as well as honing his obvious rugby skills. It was not long before he played rugby at Cardiff RFC alongside Gareth Edwards, Barry John and Gerald Davies. He only just missed out on a Welsh cap himself.

After leaving college,



Coun John Huw Williams.

he taught sport at St Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth, where he held the position of head of the sports department for many years and settled in Dinas Powys with his wife Josie and their two daughters, Sian Elen and Rhian.

After 'hanging up his boots', having latterly played rugby for both Penarth and Dinas Powys, he then sought to put back into the game all that he himself had received from it. He has coached many Welsh schoolboys teams and even now is coaching junior rugby in the Vale schools.

However, not only active on the sports fields, John has also been active in his community. He is at present the chairman of the Murchfield Association, and has been for several years, as well as having served for several terms on the community council. We wish him well during his turn of office.

JJ

Penarth Youth Action celebrates its first birthday



Penarth Youth Action on a recent visit to the Senedd, where they met the Presiding Officer.

ST AUGUSTINE'S Penarth councillor Sophie Williams said she was thrilled the local 'youth action' project was celebrating its first anniversary.

It encourages youth councillors from across Penarth, elected by their peers, to serve the younger population of the town.

Penarth Youth Action was established jointly by the town council and the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service after Coun Williams became 'youth champion' for the Vale for the first time in 2008.

"It was clear to me that the young people needed to have their voice heard and this group has given them the opportunity to do just that" she said.

Coun Williams added: "The group, led by our young chairman, Imogen Young, has gone from strength to strength and are an absolute credit to Penarth."

"These young people should be recognised for their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm towards bringing about positive change."

"None of this work could have been done, however, without Vale Youth Service staff and Penarth Town Council, both of whom must be thanked for their commitment to the project."

Anybody wishing to find out more about the group, can email Coun Sophie Williams on sowilliams@vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk / 07967740717

BARRY ATHLETIC WEEKEND CRICKET ROUND-UP

The Stags are made to sweat for victory as the heatwave arrives

NATHAN Baker's Barry First XI travelled to Llanrumney to face 2009 Division Three champions, Welsh Asians CC, in extreme conditions which saw the temperature rise to almost 25°C.

With a rather depleted squad, due to the

play-off final between Cardiff and Blackpool, he had only 10 players and, after losing the toss, the Stags were asked to field first.

The Stags began with a very tight spell from Peter Hellyar and also a good effort from Steve Jones, which brought a number of half chances.

Although no wickets

came in the first half of the innings, the Stags kept at it and got their just rewards in the second half.

The statement, 'catches win matches' was evident, as six catches were taken, including two from Scott Malpas and two from Steve Jones.

There were excellent spells from the rest of

the bowling attack, including a career best (6-61 from 14.1 overs) from Billy Usswald. As a result, the Stags bowled the Welsh Asians out for 210 after 49.1 overs.

After the tea session, the Stags set out chasing down 211, but things didn't go to plan as opening batsman Andrew Buckland dragged on to his stumps after attempting a pull shot.

In addition, unpredictable bounce meant the ball was sprayed all over the place, bringing in plenty of

extras for the Stags.

Another scare came when Scott Malpas was dismissed for just 12, leaving the Stags with just 44 runs on the board. This was soon rectified as Nathan Baker and Ian Gadd put together a partnership of 91, propelling the Stags to 132 runs from 27 overs, before Gadd departed for 31.

Baker continued on, scoring boundary after boundary, bringing the Stags to within 30 runs of victory before being dismissed for an impressive 94.

By that time, the job was almost done and, with contributions from Craig Thomas (26 not out) and Steve Jones (19 not out), Barry reached their target of 211 runs with 7.1 overs remaining, winning by five wickets and claiming yet another 20 points.

After this win, Barry First XI move to the top of Division Three, and with most of the squad returning for the duration of the season, the Stags can only progress and push their promotion rivals all the way.

Third XI toil in the heat

ANDY Ellis' Barry Third XI took on 2009 champions Pentwyn CC at the Barry Oval.

With temperatures rising to almost 30°C, Ellis won the toss and chose to bat first. The Stag batsmen struggled to cope with the talented bowling attack of Pentwyn, with wickets falling at regular intervals for not many runs.

At 35-3, the Stags were clearly struggling - with Jonathan Phillips, Andy Ellis and

Jophin Reji all falling cheaply. At this point, the Stags looked as if they were going to be dismissed very cheaply.

Thankfully, there were much-needed contributions from Ashley Baker (31), Jake Griffith (25) and Callum Twomey (18) which guided the Stags to 149 all out.

The second innings began in a dominant way... for Pentwyn. Runs were being scored at will and apart from an early wicket from Andy Ellis and some

top-quality fielding from the Stags, there wasn't much to cheer about if you were a home fan.

The luck was also in Pentwyn's favour, as edges from the bat failed to find a pair of hands.

Bowling efforts from Callum Twomey, Dafydd Frost, Sam Johnson and Jake Griffith failed to give the Stags their just rewards for their attitude in the field as they slumped to an eight-wicket defeat.

Seven Barry boys join Blues

SEVEN boys from Barry Rugby Club have been selected for the Cardiff Blues South under-16s for next season.

A Barry RFC spokesman said: "Congratulations to Kyle, Campbell, Tom, Jordan Flynn, Sam, Nathan and Jake. The coaches are both elated that the boys have been selected, and said that it proves that commitment to training has paid dividends."

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for supporting the boys throughout the season, and for giving all those lifts to matches. We would also like to congratulate the seniors on their promotion, and Barry youth for winning their league."

Team line up: Kyle Barros, Campbell Prosser, Thomas Warren, Jake Goodfellow, Jordan Flynn, Nathan Harris, Isaac Mayne, Scott Nelson, Blake Wall, Sam Roberts, Troy Rudd, Daniel MacListon, Joe Green, Jordan Clarke, Jordan Protheroe, Curtis Miller, Keiron Davies, Teifion Beckingham.

The club resumes training in July, at Barry Rugby Club. The under-16s are looking to sign new players. Contact Andrew Prosser (07908605747) or Graham Barros (07810514327).

Volunteer outreach

FANCY doing something different, like volunteering?

Pop along to the Vale Volunteer Bureau's outreach session for advice and information at Penarth Library today (May 27) from 2pm-4pm with special guests George Thomas Hospice Care.

For further information, contact Joe on 01446 421782 or visit www.vvb.org.uk

Summer show

THE Cowbridge Art Society's summer exhibition and sale of paintings will be taking place in the Library, Old Hall Gardens, from June 1-30.

Valeways walks

ON June 2, 10am, walk around the Knap, starting from the Bridge Café, Cold Knap, Barry.

On June 4 at 6.30pm, St Quentin's Castle, Llanblethian, starting from the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Consolation bowling point for Barry Athletic seconds

DAMON Leake led his depleted Barry second XI out against Rogerstone last Saturday.

With a rather depleted squad due to the play-off final between Cardiff and Blackpool, the Stags only had nine players, and with the baking conditions, it was going to

be a long day. Rogerstone won the toss and chose to field first.

The innings started steadily with opening batsmen Damon Leake and Jophin Reji scoring at regular intervals for the Stags. Fine strokes were being played all around the ground. However, with the score at 56, Leake fell just short of his second half century in as many games (46).

There were contributions with the bat throughout the innings, and with knocks from Glan Williams (38), Neil Holmes (24 not out) and Jophin Reji (27), the Stags rallied to a total of 217-7 from their 50 overs.

After the mid session interval, Barry began brightly with the ball - Chris Lane and Dafydd Frost causing problems for the batsmen.

However, the visitors rode their luck and with a number of 'streaky boundaries', they reached their target with 13 overs remaining - despite the efforts of Nye Lane (1-37), Chris Lane (1-48), Martin Baker (1-28), Glan Williams, Damon Leake and Dafydd Frost.

The Stags are rooted at the bottom of division two after this result and need results quickly, if they hope to avoid a relegation battle come the end of August.

The GEM welcomes your match reports, and other club items of interest. Email them to: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Feasibility study is the next step for museum coalition

A REGIONAL Assembly Member has called for a Vale Heritage Museum to be fully supported, after the matter was discussed in the Welsh Assembly.

The Heritage Minister Alun Ffred Jones told members that talks are taking place between the Welsh government and the Vale Council regarding a feasibility study into a new museum in Barry, and Chris Franks AM said he welcomed progress on the project.

Mr Franks, a former Vale councillor, explained: "There is a great deal of support in the town for the creation of a museum to celebrate the Vale's history."

"Plaid believes the creation of a museum for the whole of the Vale would be a boost to the town. The idea has also been backed by people from across the Vale,

including members of the Dinas Powys Local History Society. Dr Jonathan Hicks and other local Vale residents campaigning for the museum have to be congratulated for their hard work."

Dr Hicks, who is chairman of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, the group lobbying for a museum sited on the Barry Waterfront, said: "I am delighted that our campaign has now reached national level and is being discussed in the Assembly. This is another important step forward for this project and underlines the strength of support for this potentially wonderful facility."

"It is important to stress, however, that this is a Vale Heritage Centre, not a Barry museum. It will reflect the history of the whole Vale and will be a source of entertainment and education for Vale inhabitants and visitors."

Various venues are being considered for the centre – whether a purpose-built facility as part of the Barry Waterfront development, or a refurbishment of the Pump House. The feasibility study being carried out by the Vale Council will identify the most cost-effective solution.

Dr Hicks added: "We very much look forward to the results of the feasibility study, which will identify the next steps in our quest to turn the vision into reality. It would certainly be an important addition to the Vale landscape."

TIM CHAPMAN

CONGREGATION GATHERS TO CELEBRATE DAY OF PENTECOST



No meeting, so an outing instead!

NEWS FROM BARRY WI

THE usual meetings took place this month, but due to the election, sewing circle meeting was cancelled and the ladies went to the College Inn for lunch.

During May, they organised a trip to the Shopping Outlet, Bridgend, then afternoon tea at Bryngarw House. The weather was not very good, but despite that, everybody enjoyed themselves.

The meeting on May 18 was 'resolutions' when the ladies debated the labelling of foods, followed by a fish and chip supper and a game of true or bluff.

Further information from the secretary on 01446 410139.

MORE than 100 people attended Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, to mark Pentecost.

The church had been decorated with doves and balloons and a central display on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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ABOVE: The music group and a vocalist accompanied the hymns.

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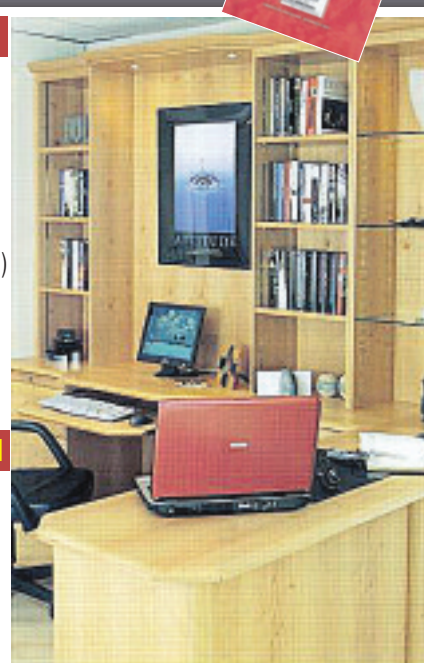


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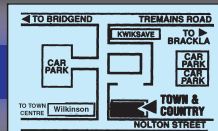


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Whodunnit at Barry school

B A R R Y Comprehensive School recently staged one of the most popular events in the school calendar – the Murder Mystery Evening.

The audience were offered a night of nail-biting improvisation from student performers from year-7 through to year-13. Some of the year-13s have been in the 'Mystery Crew' from the very first evening in 2005.

Daniel Morgan, Ben Sully, Ellis Watts and Blake Knight performed as suspects for the last time, as they will be leaving for universities across the country to continue their studies.

However, all is not

doom and gloom, for out of the ashes new stars were born, including Jack James, who turned out to be the dastardly killer, Tom Evans who moved from the role of policeman to suspect, and Alex Parker, who took the role of Chief Inspector and host of the evening.

The performance was well received and everyone enjoyed the fun-filled atmosphere, with guests commenting on the students' performances and on the excellent standard of the food prepared and served by year-10 hospitality and catering students.

Mrs Ellis said she could not be more proud of the students, and has already started plotting next year's night of murder and mystery.

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LOCAL photographer Gemma Griffiths, has recently spotted a new phenomenon in the Vale area.

While taking photos of local flowers and fauna, she noticed some very cute little fairies and pixies living among them.

The fairies were pleased to have their photos taken and said they would be happy to share their toadstools

and fairy magic with local children if they ever wanted to come and visit.

Gemma Griffiths has been a local photographer in the Vale for more than five years. She started taking photographs of babies and children and has recently included weddings in her portfolio.

Fairy photography is a new element to her work. She has plenty of spare fairy dust for local

children if they would like to visit the secret toadstool or to float above the Vale on a white fluffy cloud.

The fairies are not available for interview, but please contact Gemma if you have any questions.

To see some of these amazing images, please visit Gemma's website – www.gemmagriffithsphotography.co.uk. A CD of images is available on request.

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Hop, skip and jump at Vale leisure centres

YOUNGSTERS in the Vale of Glamorgan can hop, skip and jump their way through half-term by getting on their marks for an indoor athletics championship at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

As part of a week-long programme of activities on offer across all of the Vale's leisure centres, budding athletes aged five and above can have a go at a range of running, throwing and jumping events on Wednesday, June 2 from

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Spring-heeled children in Cowbridge can also enjoy parkour sessions on Friday 4 June, where they can learn how to run up walls, vault over equipment and generally leap around the leisure centre!

Elsewhere, a number of sports are on offer for as little as £1, while if you are not sure which to choose, then why not go for multiple activities at one of the 5x60 activity days being held at Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Leisure Centres.

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year-olds can easily get their five a day by having a go at badminton, dodgeball, table tennis, archery, cricket and more.

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IKKS, French Connection Baby & Kids and the popular Lelli Kelly and Converse shoes. Lelli Kelly shoes for summer 2010 brings school shoes, canvas strawberries and floral sequin designs, and the ever popular sandals, with the free gift this season being the make-up mobile compact! Lelli Kelly are the "cutest shoes, oh yeah!"

Converse boots and shoes by Chuck Taylor are a new brand for Smolanny's this season, from the baby cribs which are priced at £19.99, right through to older kids, which are priced at £23.99, they are already proving popular, for boys and girls alike.

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Looking forward to Pendoylan's summer term

PENDOYLAN Primary School is looking forward to the many events that have been planned for the summer term.

The PTA has organised a disco for the pupils on Thursday, May 27.

Sports Day will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at 1.15pm.

The summer fair will be held at school on Saturday, July 3.

Speech and prizegiving day will take place at Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Friday, July 9. This will be followed by a casino night on Saturday, July 10, at 7.30pm in All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin.

On Saturday, November 20, Pendoylan School will be hosting a ball at the Vale Hotel to celebrate the launch of the new school building project.

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said: "My favourite subject is maths, because it's really good and it stretches your mind. I think the teachers are brilliant and I am happy in school."

Sophie, aged nine, enthused: "What I like about St John's is that we work as a team. We are kind and friendly to each other and it's as if we are a big family."

Remy, who is 12, said: "I do not have just one favourite subject because they are all very good and learning here is not a chore - it's fun! I really appreciate every-

thing all my teachers have done for me, as I would not be the person I am today without them; I owe a lot to my teachers."

Rosie, aged 14, explained: "I was 13 when I started at St John's. I like the small classes and the friendly environment. Everyone is given the attention they need to thrive, regardless of ability. The pupils are friendly and supportive and don't mock you if you are doing well."

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IMPS' FESTIVAL IS A BIG SUCCESS!



Action shot by DE Photo.

CADOXTON Imps organised a mini and junior five-a-side football festival earlier this month.

Approximately 450 children in more than 40 teams in age groups from under-8 to under-12, and a disabilities section, took part in the grounds of Barry Comprehensive School.

The Imps' annual football festival has become an established fixture in the Barry footballing calendar and this was the 13th consecutive year that the event had been sponsored by McDonald's Restaurant (Barry), ensuring that every child taking part received both a certificate and a medal.

McDonald's also provided winners' trophies for the junior teams and fair play awards for the mini teams.

Martin Pursall, chairman of Cadoxton Imps AFC, said: "There is a tremendous amount of hard work by a lot of people to organise and run an event like this, but

it is worth it to see so many children, parents and grandparents enjoying a day of football and fun.

"I would like to thank all the Imps managers and committee, and everyone else who has contributed, including Mark Collier of Bowcom for supplying paint and loaning us equipment to line the pitches, Barry Comprehensive School for allowing us to use the school grounds and canteen, St John Ambulance (Cowbridge), DE Photo and, in particular, Huw Thomas and McDonald's Restaurant (Barry) for McDonald's continued support."

Huw Thomas, franchisee of McDonald's (Barry), said: "With so many local children taking part from various football clubs in the Vale, we are proud to be involved with the Imps' mini and junior five-a-side football festival, and to be able to support children's football in the community."

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St Richard Gwyn golfing pupils are given opportunity to be the next Rory McIlroy



WITH excitement building ahead of the Ryder Cup coming to Wales later this year, youngsters from two Vale secondary schools are getting to grips with golf thanks to the innovative 5x60 scheme.

Boys and girls from St Richard Gwyn Catholic School and

LEFT: St Andrew's Major Golf Club pro John Hastings giving pupils tips and guidance on their technique

Barry Comprehensive School are able to enjoy weekly sessions at St Andrew's Major Golf Club throughout the summer term as part of the scheme, which creates extra-curricular sporting opportunities for youngsters in Wales to get active for at least 60 minutes, five days a week (5x60).

Ben Williams, who is the 5x60 officer for both schools, said: "The

club's golf professional, John Hastings, is coaching the pupils, giving them tips and guidance on their technique, and they are really enjoying the chance to learn while having a go, rather than just being shown what to do."

You can find out more about golf clubs in the Vale and the 5x60 scheme online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay.

Pupils turn on athletics style

IN the year-8 and year-9 qualifying round at Jenner Park for the middle school championships, Cowbridge pupils had a number of excellent performances.

George Griffiths (year-8) came second in a fast heat with a time of 11.8 seconds, setting a new year-8 Cowbridge school record, which had stood for 22 years.

George had a similar result in the long jump, showing the other competitors why he's a British champion at indoor long jump, this time winning his event with a jump of 5.46m, once again breaking a long-standing Cowbridge record.

Harry Thomas surprised himself with a victory in the 200m, and also qualified for the long jump finals.

Joe Gaughan qualified for the shot and 400m finals.

Josh Thomas, not to be out done by his brother, qualified for the 800m, together with Jason Sami.

George Francis qualified for the high jump finals with his unorthodox technique.

Athletics debutant Jared Charlton Webb qualified in third place for the shot and Harry Stubbington came second in the javelin, once again qualifying for the finals day at Leckwith stadium.

Dancing stars on the way to Deutschland

ON May 2, 48 dancers from YDance performed at the Welsh Millennium Centre to compete in the IDO Welsh Street Dance Championships 'Dance Where the Fire Licks 2010'.

The day included a display of high quality hip hop, street and break dance styles performed by young people from throughout Wales.

All these dancers were longing to be the best and to place 1st, 2nd or 3rd to qualify to represent Wales at the World Hip Hop Championships in Bochum, Germany at the end of September.

YDance was destined to be part of this five-day urban dance extravaganza as all three dance teams managed to get onto the Welsh Production Dance Team which will perform at

the Championships in September.

The first dancer to be announced onto the Welsh Squad was B Boy Harry from Barry. Harry Wood an 11-year-old boy who trains with the Barry Boy Breakers, battled it out against his team mates and other B Boys from across Wales to achieve the Junior B Boy 1 on 1 title.

The 4 FT 2 Crew competed in the Children's Formation Team Section winning 2nd place with a performance of a high calibre.

Katie Gibbs (10yrs), Bethan Tyler (10yrs), Zoe Cannon (10yrs), Bethan Deakin (9yrs), Kia Harcourt (9yrs), Ellie Mai Platt (9yrs), Olivia Ahmed (9yrs), Hannah Svendsen (8yrs) and Robson Mallam (7yrs) entertained the large audience with their pyjama party frolics! Tesni Sewell found out that she had danced her way

into 5th place in the children's girl solo which placed her onto the Welsh Street Dance Team.

YDancers Levi Sims, Myles German, Luke Perry, Yasmin Harcourt and Shireen Ahmed successfully earned their places on the squad with their solos against a huge division of dancers by triumphantly gaining 1st in the Adult Boy Solo, 2nd and 3rd in the Junior Male Solo, and 2nd and 3rd in the Adult Girl Solo.

Complexity, the adult team for YDance took their place on the Welsh squad too by being placed 3rd in the Adult Formation Team with a prize winning performance. Dancers, Abbi Bartlett (17) Sophie Morgan (17) Becky Nott (17) Levi Sims (16) Lauren Barrett (16) Sam Owens (16) Yasmin Harcourt (16) Bethan Goddard (16) Shireen Ahmed (16) and Ellie Carter (16) finished off the competition with a fantastic performance and despite a few injuries they were victorious.

Bethan Hartland (18) who left YDance last year to attend Swansea University was also at the competition with her team SUDS, a small

group of students which has a passion for street dance. They also achieved success by winning 1st place in the Adult Small Group and a place on the Welsh team.

The crew that stole the competition was Unknown, the Junior YDance small group. They took the stage and mesmerised the auditorium from the beginning.

The young group of dancers, Amber Summers (15) Chanelle Johnson (14), Rhia Dutton (14) Rhian Dwyer (14), Brooke Clarke (14), Nioami Everitt (13) and Myles German (13) smashed

their routine, impressing the judges to achieve the highest scores of the day and win the Junior Small Group Trophy and a place on the Welsh Street Dance Squad.

Emma Mallam, dance co-ordinator of Motion Control, said: "I congratulate all the dancers - you are all stars, who shone your brightest on the day of the competition."

"I want to say a huge thank you to the tutors Lynne Hughes, Lee Crowley and Alex Brown for their wonderful choreography, hard work and continuous support to the dance programme."



Thanks also to Carlos Neto and Xavi Monreal for working with the YDance in the holidays."

YDance wants to thank all the parents, friends and family who attended the competition and appreciates all their support for the YDancers.

YDance will continue to 'Bring it On' alongside the other winners of the day when they represent Wales in the World Championships in Germany. A big initiative 'Dancing 2 Deutschland' is now

being set up to help towards funding this dance experience for the YDance winners and allow them the chance to dance at such a prestigious level.

Dancers have raised just under £500 for Clic Sargent - the charity for children with cancer and now are looking to raise the funds for this trip of a lifetime by holding events throughout the summer months.

The dancers are looking to the local community to support their dance initiative through sponsorships. Funding these dancers for this 5

day dance event will not be easy but spirits are high and the dancers are determined to win again! Well done YDance!"

YDance is part of the Motion Control dance programme - which aims to provide dance opportunities to the young people living in the Vale and is run by the Vibe Experience, Barry. Anyone wishing to help or donate in the 'Dancing 2 Deutschland' campaign can contact the dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam on 01446 733622.

Gardens open for charity

LLANTWIT Major and Llanmaes gardens are open for charity again this year on Sunday, June 6 from 11am-5pm under the National Garden Scheme - combined admission £5.

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CREATE A 'BESIDE THE SEA INTERIOR' IN YOUR HOME THIS SUMMER

by
GABRIELLE FAGAN

AHOY there, fans of interiors trends – the coastal style is sailing over the horizon and promises to breathe freshness and life into your rooms.

Bright blues and crisp whites make for a ship-shape look with a unique breezy charm that suits any setting even if it's miles from the sea.

"Nautical style does seem to be timeless and endlessly appealing," says Claudia Lewellen, director at Runaway Coast, a company whose products can conjure the 'down by the sea' style.

"This look is instantly recognisable and loved by everyone, and isn't restricted to being used just in homes by the coast. As an island race, we certainly do have a special bond with the sea that surrounds us and just being close to it never ceases to be a draw. Using coastal inspiration to decorate is also a great way to update rooms for summer."

She believes the look has a magical ability to evoke the emotion of holidays, and it is that which guarantees its perennial popularity.

"Just a glimpse of deckchair stripes and a coastal accessory can transport us to times when we escaped and relaxed in a comfortable environment," she points out.

She advises following an informal 'kick off your shoes and relax' look for spaces.

"You should aim for a simple and understated yet smart scheme, and use a mix of vibrant and gentle colours inspired by nature," she says.

So if you see no ships - or any seaside style - in your rooms, your home will be sadly lacking. Come on board and follow our guide to beach chic!

CABIN FEVER

Beach huts or coastal homes are unfussy, unpre-

tentious havens and you don't have to push the boat out financially to create a holiday atmosphere.

Revamp floorboards and tongue and groove cladding with a coat of white paint, cover sofas in easily-washable cotton fabrics, and add colourful cotton rugs and cushions.

"The nautical theme is going to be a big trend for the home this summer," says Candida Balfour at MyDeco, the online site which has links to inspiring interiors shops and designers.

"This year, the interpretation is part American-Hamptons glamour, part old-British seaside revelry. Those pale blues and crisp whites create an instant feeling of carefree nostalgia."

Her suggestions are: Paint old dining chairs or stools a crisp white or pale blue. Sand the edges and corners for a more weathered nautical vibe; fill hurricane lamps with layers of sand and shells with tealights perched on top. Sew strips of blue ribbon around plain white cushions and add chunky wooden buttons to finish.

The fact that we're having a love-affair with blue this year – it's emerged as the coolest shade around for interiors – means it's not difficult to find everything from deckchair stripe fabrics to sea blues and surf white paint to splash out on.

SEASIDE SANCTUARY

Make a bedroom look and feel as though it's a stone's throw from the sea, and when you step into it, your cares could float away!

Walls painted in soft blue shades are known to have a calming effect and it will be even more relaxing if you make sure the room is not overcluttered and has that pared-down beach hut look.

Dress a bed in crisp cotton bed linen, and cast a soft glow of light from a lamp whose base is evoca-

tively made from driftwood, starfish and pebble.

Nautical style is a fresh-as-paint look which makes it ideal for a child's bedroom.

Laura Ashley's new 'On The Sea' collection of blue stripy bedlinen, curtains and accessories featuring appliquéd yachts is delightful. Curtains from £70, bedding set, £50.

Sailing boat bookends, £28 from The Little White Company could suit big or little sailors.

CATCH THE TIDE

An interestingly-shaped piece of driftwood, a bowl of pebbles, or even a tiny toy boat which brings back memories of a day out, can be just as effective, or more so, than buying a mass-produced accessory.

Luckily though, designers have let their imaginations set sail and produced nautical homeware that veers well away from tacky or cute so that the style-savvy don't feel sea-sick.

For instance, you could avoid that sinking feeling, even on dull days, by displaying a classic red and white lifebelt, £30, or use a chunky sailor's rope knot, £29 from Joanna Wood to stop doors slamming shut on breezy summer days.

A dull corner of a room could be transformed with a collection of holiday souvenirs and photographs, so that just glimpsing it, sweeps you away to happy times.



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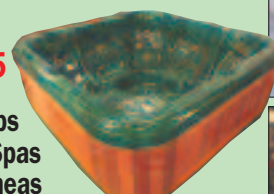
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A golden rule: 'Preparation before decoration'

by JULIA GRAY

DECORATING a room usually requires preparation first – not least filling, sanding and washing down. Although it is time-consuming and hard work, it can't be skimped on if you want a good finish.

However long you think sanding and filling will take, expect it to take longer – especially if your ceilings, walls and woodwork are in poor condition.

You'll find an array of different fillers at your local DIY store – which can be confusing.

Basically, you'll need all-purpose filler for most types of wall repair, and wood filler for woodwork. For an easier route, go for a ready-mixed product, rather than one where you have to mix in the hardener yourself.

For cracks where movement is likely to occur again, such as on ceilings and around doors and windows, you'll need flexible filler. Also, for big repairs, it helps to have deep-repair filler or ready-mixed plaster repair. If hairline cracks are a problem, use hairline-crack filler, which you paint on.

FILLING KNIFE

Always use a good-quality filling knife to apply the filler. These come in various blade sizes and look similar to wallpaper-scraping knives.

The difference is that filling blades are much more flexible to help you get the filler into the hole or crack. For some repairs, nothing beats using your fingers, so you may want to invest in a

box of disposable plastic gloves to protect your hands.

To get a smooth repair, it can help to dip the filling knife in water, or mix a little water in with the filler to make it more pliable. However carefully you apply the filler, you're likely to lose a lot, so protect the floor and scoop the dropped filler up as you go.

Clean off your filling knife as soon as you finish because most fillers set quite quickly – although it's best not to sand the repair until the next day. Sometimes it helps to smooth over the repair again with a wet filling knife once the filler has hardened slightly.

Once you've sanded the filler, you'll need to clean off the sanding dust and inspect the repairs. You may need to fill and sand again to eliminate things such as lines and dips in the filler – depending on how perfect you want the finish to be. Alternatively, you could line the walls with lining paper now that you've filled most of the cracks and holes. The more uneven the walls, the thicker the lining paper should be.

MOODY

Those people looking for a different interior this year are moving away from bland old colours and choosing darker, more moody colours instead, according to DIY chain B&Q.

Paints in deeper tones are flying off the shelves, with cat black, choco chick lit, plummy accent and matinee grey the bestsellers in Laurence Llewelyn Bowen's new Laurence Makes It Home paint range.

Similarly, the most popular choices from

B&Q's Colours paint range are soft black, cocoa bean, forest fruits and grey slate. This follows on from last year, when sales of Crown's little black dress colour rose by 59 per cent. So far this year, sales have risen by 10 per cent.

"We're seeing unexpected colour combinations surfacing everywhere in home decor," said B&Q's Dee Gittens. "It's a move towards bolder, more original choices."

"Matt black and grey, contrasted with flashes of gold, bronze and azure blue, create a look that's glamorous, excessive and dramatic."

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You can also get long poles that slot into the end of your paint roller, and long poles with rollers already attached, which you could use on the ladder.

If the ceiling is really high, the easiest thing is to paint the ceiling and walls the same colour because you won't be able to reach to do neat edges. For anywhere the roller won't reach, you can use a paintbrush tied to the end of the pole with tape – although getting enough pressure on the brush can be tricky.



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Well, if it isn't Cygnus Atratus!



ABOVE: There was a new visitor to the Knap lake recently, when this black swan (Cygnus Atratus) made a surprise appearance, where local resident PHILIP DAWSON took the picture.

Fields stage family giant picnic

A 'GIANT family picnic' will take place in Newbridge Fields, Bridgend, on Wednesday, June 2 from 2pm-4pm.

It is being organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's library and information service to celebrate National Family Week, which highlights spending quality time together through healthy and active lifestyles.

Fun activities include stories, puppets, face painting, and balloon modelling.

Admission is free. For further details, call Coed Parc reference library on (01656) 754810. Please note, that the picnic is dependent on weather conditions.

PRINCE OF PERSIA IS A BLAND, BUT ENJOYABLE BLOCKBUSTER EXPERIENCE

VIDEO games do not a great movie make: Ever since film producers believed that gamers would spend their hard-earned money on film versions of their favourite games, the success rate has remained firmly at zero.

Super Mario Brothers, *Mortal Kombat*, *Doom*, *Street Fighter*... the list of casualties has been seemingly endless. Despite this poor pedigree, however, uber-producer Jerry Bruckheimer obviously feels he is able to buck the trend, by producing an adaptation of the renowned Prince of Persia in *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*.

Jake Gyllenhal stars as the titular Prince Dastan, a boy from the streets who was adopted by the king. When Dastan is framed for the murder of his adopted father, he is forced to go on the run with Princess Tamina (Gemma Arterton), and a mysterious dagger that can turn back time. With Dastan's brothers Tus (Richard Coyle) and Garsiv (Toby Kebbell), and their shady uncle Nizam (Ben

Kingsley) sending forces to find Dastan, he must try to clear his name while keeping the dagger away from dark forces who are intent on using it for evil...

An army invades a region looking for weapons of mass destruction, only to find none, while shady forces manipulate said invasion for their own ends – the story of the next Paul Greengrass film, or the work of a film maker intent on making a statement about the nature of war perhaps?

Try the subtext of a Jerry Bruckheimer film aimed squarely at the blockbuster audience and you'll be on the right track. But before you think the uber-producer has gone all highbrow for the popcorn crowd, have no fear – there are no clunky attempts at making a film high on moralising and low on thrills and spills.

Instead, *Prince of Persia* is a film that does exactly what you would expect of it – and while it doesn't quite match up to the highpoints of Bruckheimer's glories, it still makes for a nicely diverting two hours of cinema, if a touch too bland and restrained.

Of course, the big news is that it is a film based on a videogame that isn't completely

awful – and one that the game franchise's many legion of fans will find little to quibble about. While Mike Newell may be to some a staid director suited to the likes of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, he showed with *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* that he is more than capable of bringing 'epic' to the big screen, and the director is successful yet again here.

Cleverly incorporating elements of the game's play into the sequences, Newell brings a nice verve and spark to the action sequences, giving them both a sense of daring but also adding a touch of reality (the rooftop chases are straight from the canon of Jason Bourne, intentional or not).

There is a clear aim from the director of creating a fantastical yet slightly plausible feel to the sequences, and while the computer effects briefly feel a touch too computerised, there is a wonderful sense of spectacle and excitement that is well placed.

One of the touchstones, conscious or otherwise, is the *Indiana Jones* franchise, the film trying (and by and large succeeding) in capturing the freewheeling sensibility that marked out that franchise, and the performances of both Jake Gyllenhal and Gemma Arterton both help to make that happen.

The former not only manages a proper English accent with style, but also anchors the film superbly well, bringing his 'serious actor' credibility and giving the film substance in the more dramatic moments, but also displaying a wonderful lightness of touch and spark with Arterton.

The British actress is becoming hot property this year, and while her turn in *Clash of the Titans* was nothing to write home about, here she shows that she has the talent to back up the praise she's been receiving.

ing. Her chemistry with Gyllenhal is well constructed and works nicely on screen. The characters have little trust in each other but a mutual attraction they have to subdue – and Arterton is more than a match for her co-star, giving the Princess a feisty and resourceful attitude while making her more than equal to Dastan's leaping and fighting skills – she is anything but a damsel in distress, and Arterton delivers a turn that is hugely appealing.

As is par for the course with blockbuster films nowadays, the cast are made up of renowned actors who bring a degree of class and quality to proceedings, and *Prince of Persia* is no exception. Old hands Ben Kingsley and Alfred Molina offer up decent and comedic turns respectively, the former hinting at villainy while the latter is a character designed to get laughs and does so with aplomb (another little nod to the Indiana Jones franchise given Molina played a similar character in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*).

Meanwhile, relative newcomers Toby Kebbell and Richard Coyle offer up good support in smallish roles as Dastan's brothers, the latter particularly notable as the future king with the weight on his shoulders.

The screenplay, from Boaz Yakin, Doug Miro and Carlo Bernard, remains by and large faithful to the characters of the games with a few subtle changes here and there that shouldn't cause too much consternation; but while they get that right, it's the story (engineered by the game's creator Jordan Mechner) and dialogue that doesn't fare too well.

While the use of the dagger to turn back time isn't the most of original concepts, it could at least have been used far more effectively within the story than it is; as it is, it's merely a cute plot device that means the writers can try to pull the rug from under you before returning things to the status quo, some-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

thing that hinders the climax of the film quite dramatically.

Similarly, the dialogue (let's face it, never a strong suit of the blockbuster genre) creaks and groans with exposition that couldn't be more blatant than if the actors turned to the screen and said 'Pay attention to this bit' – lines such as "... only the dagger can unlock the sands of time. And there are those who would use this power to destroy the world" and "... releasing the sand turns back time. Only the holder of the dagger is aware what's happened" are clunky by any standards.

While *Prince of Persia* is easily the best videogame adaptation yet, as a blockbuster on its own terms it doesn't quite hit the spot – the performances are strong, as is the direction, but it's very much a case of offering little that is fresh.

While *Prince of Persia* satisfies the popcorn sensibility, its inability to mine anything new counts against it – but as a purely cinematic experience it makes for entertaining viewing.

VERDICT – A bit premature to say the videogame-to-film course has been lifted, but *Prince of Persia: Sands of Time* is easily the best example of it so far – and it works well as a blockbuster film to boot.

The well-trodden script aside, there is much to enjoy here despite its shortcomings, and is a film well worth watching. Enjoyable.

Guild meeting

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meets on Wednesday, June 9 for a talk 'My Own Work' by Riitta Sinkonen-Davies at Old School, Sully at 7.30pm. Riitta will talk about

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her work as a weaver and show slides of her new work.

Members £2, visitors £3.50.

For further details, telephone Kirsten Gable on 01443 650336.

Art exhibition

TONDU and District Art Society holds its Summer Exhibition 2010 at the Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig (near Bridgend) on June 12-15 at 10am-6pm daily.

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'Visit Wales' is message of ad campaign

A NEW campaign is encouraging people to experience 'proper holidays' in the Vale and other parts of Wales.

Minister for Heritage, Alun Ffred Jones, told the Assembly that he hoped the new campaign, which had its first TV ad aired on May 17, would strengthen Wales position as a tourism destination.

The 'proper holiday' campaign features real

people having real experiences in Wales. The campaign features two stars - Wales, of course, and the Darkses family from Huddersfield, who were genuinely disappointed by their last holiday abroad.

The campaign follows the family holidaying in Wales and comprises two forty second TV advertisements and an interactive section on the Visit Wales web site leading to a ten minute film.



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Dyffryn to St Donats

IN June, St Donats Arts Centre will showcase an exhibition called 'A Year in Dyffryn - Work in Progress' showing work by the members of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

The 20 artists work in a wide range of media, including painting, print-making and ceramics, trying to capture the images and themes unfolding through the seasons at Dyffryn.

One member is Eileen Allan and trees have for many years been a major feature of her drawing and painting. She has shown her work in Scotland, Ireland, France and the USA, and says: "I have found the outstanding collection of trees at Dyffryn a great inspiration!"

The exhibition includes both finished work and preparatory studies, displayed so that visitors to the gallery can follow the artists' creative processes. The exhibition is open from June 3-25, Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm.

For more information visit: www.stdonats.com, www.voga.org.uk and <http://lvogadyffryn.blogspot.com>.



Artist Eileen Allan sketching at Dyffryn Gardens.

History comes to life at Cosmeston Medieval Village

COSMESTON Medieval Village near Penarth is the home of a reconstructed village of the 14th century and next bank holiday, Sunday and Monday, May 30-31, from 11am-5pm, history will again come alive!

Camping in and around the village will be soldiers and civilians from many different ages. Victorian soldiers of the Zulu war rub

shoulders with the Royal Welch Fusiliers from the fields of Waterloo, while warriors of ancient Greece can be seen with the demure and cultured ladies of the Regency period!

Of course, the Vikings and Pirates will compete with one another to see who can be the least civilised!

There will be living history camps to investigate, displays throughout the day and lots for the family to see and do.

Have a go at writing with a quill, drill with Queen Victoria's soldiers, try on some armour, sign up for His Majesty King George's Navy or even see what life was really like as an ancient Greek warrior!

A day out for the family offers an opportunity to see many different periods of history - all in one place!

For more information call 029 20 701678;

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 619.

● £2000: 899141.
● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500 was not won this week.

● £10: 287395; 884506; 641667; 158459; 676956; 684231; 875184; 753905; 341419; 488415; 668165; 323516; 707471; 188747; 393691; 455580; 830338; 872547; 328147; 674114.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Round Table fun day on Island!

BARRY Round Table and Barry Pleasure Park are organising a free fun day next month to support local children's charities at Barry Leisure Park.

The two organisations will be sponsoring a VIP day for hundreds of deserving children from local charities and associations.

A Round Table spokesman said: "In addition, we are able to offer the general public a chance to take advantage of the park facilities as well, for a price of 99p per person, to have unlimited rides for two hours between 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm on June

26. The 99p tickets are available for purchase prior to the day from Barry Island venues - 'The Dolphin' 11am-9pm, Wed-Sun; and Hyper Value 10am-5pm, Mon-Sun.

Tickets are for sale on the day, also directly from the Pleasure Park. We also have the support of local traders.

"However, if you are involved in a local children's charity, we have limited VIP places left and would love to hear from you. Remaining wrist bands are limited so it is on a first come first serve basis for appropriate charity organisations."

Contact by email: stuart.tay@ntlworld.com.

Miss Teen Galaxy wows the Ty Hafan children

YOUNGSTERS and their families at Ty Hafan were "delighted" to get a visit recently from Sara Morgan - Miss Teen Galaxy 2010.

Sara and her family spent a couple of hours being shown around the hospice and meeting some of the children and staff. One little girl was especially taken with Sara's amazing tiara.

A spokeswoman reported: "Like everyone who visits this very special place, Sara immediately became aware of



ABOVE: Sara met some of the children staying at Ty Hafan and later made her mark on the famous hand print wall.

the peace and tranquillity Ty Hafan can be there to which parents can experience during a short break from caring for their life-limited child 24/7.

"There is also a vibrant and positive atmosphere in which older children can spend time making friends and experiencing a degree of independence at Ty Hafan without their parents."

Sara commented: "It's wonderful to know that

"I felt inspired to do what I can to help the children and their families after meeting some of them and witnessing their strength, courage and happiness."

Ty Hafan will be opening its doors to the public at its annual fun day on Sunday, June 27.

Arts and crafts

THERE will be a children's arts and crafts afternoon in the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on Tuesday, June 1, from 2pm-4pm.

Youngsters up to 11, will be making personalised t-shirts.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's arts and community development department, admission per child is £2.50 (£4 with lunch box served at 1.30pm).

Call the Berwyn Centre on (01656) 840439, email: berwyn.centre@bridgend.gov.uk.

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Hospice to take 40 people on... Charity trek on the Great Wall



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THE Marie Curie hospice at Penarth launched its fourth annual hospice trek on May 5 at the Oriental Garden, Red Dragon Centre, Cardiff Bay.

The hospice will be taking 40 local people to trek the Great Wall of China on September 2011.

Claire Notman, Community Fundraiser said: "This was our most successful launch to date. We had 35 people turn up on the evening with

seven of them registering right then and there, which was fantastic. We still have plenty of places, though, and are encouraging anyone who is interested to give me a call on 02920 426068, or email me at claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

"This will be our biggest hospice challenge to date and we aim to raise over £70,000, which will go towards more nursing care for terminally ill patients and their families in the Penarth Hospice."

VALE OF GLAMORGAN MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE - WEEK THREE ROUND UP

Four-way tie at the top for cricket teams

AFTER three unprecedented dry weeks, four teams maintain a 100 per cent record.

Barry Athletic defeated Cardiff at the Diamond Ground. Batting first, Nathan Baker completed a third half-century of the season, his unbeaten 70 being the mainstay of the Stags' 154 for 4 with N Shea taking 2 for 18.

In reply, Dewi Preece and Elian Jones both scored 35 in the Cardiff score of 131 for 6, while Simon Phillips took 3 for 15 to maintain the Stags fine start.

Barry Internationals played hosts Penarth and won by nine wickets. The Seaside scored a decent 140 for 6, A Singh scored 46 while Abzal took 3 for 58. However, the Internationals won with some ease as Saleh (65 not out) and Temoor, with an unbeaten 50 saw the visitors home to a comfortable win.

Llantwit Cavaliers continued one of their best starts to a campaign with a 14-run win at Barry Wanderers. J Hill with 48 top-scored for a strong Wanderers, Jake MacNaughton returning 3 for 21 as the home

team amassed 145 for 9 in response to an excellent 159 all out from the Cavaliers.

Not for the first time, Julian Griffiths, who carried his bat and came within a whisker of scoring the season's first ten, led the Cavaliers attack, scoring 97 not out.

Defending champions Lisvane travelled to Llantwit and they recorded a second win of the season by defeating the Colts by 89 runs. Stuart Drury top scored with 45 not out in a score of 167 for 8 that contained 27 wickets.

F Wheatley, 2 for 10, was the pick of the bowlers. The Colts top score in their 78 for 8 was Neil Pritchard with 14, while Glyn Williams returned the best analysis of the season, by taking 5 for 23.

Elsewhere, Pencoed entertained a struggling Creigiau and recorded their first win of the season. Hitting 142 for 5, Richard Gregory top scored with 45, Pencoed then dismissed the visitors for just 75, J Frewen returning 3 for 16.

Lastly, Cogan Chiefs, chasing a Dinas Powys score of 106 in which Dave Sadler and Jamie Croll both captured a

brace of wickets, knocked their target off with some ease, the Smiths, Lloyd and Hugh, scoring 46 and 28 respectively.

At the time of writing, no result had been reported from the West End versus Fontygary clash.

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Romilly does the double

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club's 'A' side played their SVLA match at Millwood Bowling Club on Saturday.

Unfortunately, Millwood had to play with two players short which was to their disadvantage. However, the match was played with both sides making the best of the situation.

Bob Wyatt's rink of C Collins, C Davies and K Westgate were the 'top bananas' in this match and led from start to finish. They went ahead 7-3 after eight ends and powered on to score another 30 shots over the remaining ends, a finish not seen since *Red Run's* last race, for a 37-11 rink win.

J Jones's rink of P Hoad, T Bloomfield and P Denley also had a strong game and were level at 13-13 after 10 ends. They then went on with some hot scoring, which included a big seven on the 16th end to win the rink 36-19.

Vince McFarland's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and A Jones had a slow start but drew level on the ninth end. They picked up their game for a strong finish to win the rink 22-13.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Bannister, D Ford and J Coles had a close game and played well. It was a tit for tat game and the scores were level after 20 ends. Fortunately, Romilly won the final end 20-18.

The Romilly Club side played their WBA match against Barry

Central Bowling Club at Romilly Park on an improved green and with several changes in the team.

A Bryan's rink of R Blueit, B Cheal and G Rees had a strong game and were in front for most of the match. Their opponents went one shot in front on the 11th end, from which point Romilly upped their game, scoring 24 shots over the remaining 10 ends, including a big six, for a splendid 34-16 win.

Tony Freeman's rink of C Geen, D Cameron and P Gershenson also had a strong game with some splendid scoring, and led by 25-6 after 14 ends.

They did, however, slow down and allowed their opponents to score 11 shots over the last seven ends to reduce the margin. Romilly win 30-17.

Howard Jones's rink of M Doyle, P Herbert and M Gershenson had a close match despite Central's early lead for the first 14 ends. It was at this point that Romilly rallied and found some form, produced a better finish than their opponents and went on to win the rink 22-18.

Mel Newman's rink of G Eastment, G Whittaker and K Clements also had a close game and were behind up to the 14th end on which they drew level at 15-15. Romilly then pulled some shots out the bag to go on and win the game 21-8.

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Local tennis club is 'delighted' with its start to season

THERE have been more good results for the teams at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club in the Courtstall South Wales Leagues.

The Ladies' First team have played two more matches in Premier Division Two, winning one and losing one.

On May 5, they hosted Cardiff's second team, but with Briohny Selley and Jan Allen both unavailable, they were beaten 4-2.

The top pair of Alex Robinson and Caroline Hazell won one rubber, losing narrowly against their opposite numbers on a third set tie-break.

The second pair of Nicola Williams and Alys Cunningham also won one rubber, but Clare Heydon and 12-year-old Milly Williams were beaten in their two rubbers.

The Ladies recovered to convincingly beat Stow Park 5-1 in another home fixture on May 10. Briohny Selley returned to the side. She and Alex Robinson won both their matches very easily indeed for the loss of just four games in total.

The second pair of Nicola Williams and Caroline Hazell also performed well, winning their two rubbers while dropping just six games. Penarth's third pair of Alys Cunningham and Clare Heydon fought two closer matches, winning one, to complete the 5-1 scoreline.

The Men's first team maintained their 100 per cent start to their debut season in Premier Division Three, beating Firbank Dale 4-2 in Newport on Sunday.

The match did not start as planned, with Penarth top pair of Rob Cunningham and Gavin Seymour suffering their first defeat of the season, losing 6-7, 6-7, to their opposite numbers.

However, the second pair of Mark Lewis and James Williams beat the Firbank Dale third pair 6-2, 6-2, while the third pair of Jez Thomas and Adam Muse overcame the home second pair 6-2, 6-2, to leave Penarth 2-1 up after the first round.

Penarth's victory was sealed in the second round of matches. Cunningham and Seymour thumped the home second pair 6-2, 6-1, while Thomas and Muse beat their opposite numbers 6-1, 6-4. Lewis and Williams were beaten 6-7, 2-6 by the strong home top pair, to leave the match score 4-2.

Penarth are delighted with their start to the season, but a much tougher test will follow next weekend at home to

Penarth Windsor, who are also unbeaten in three matches.

The men's second team recovered from their opening day's disappointment, with a 5-1 home win against Whitchurch's third team in Division Five East.

the first pair of Martin Radford and Giles Gray, after a calamitous opening match against Penarth Windsor, started well this time round, beating their opposite numbers 7-6, 6-3 but then lost inexplicably to the Whitchurch second pair 3-6, 3-6.

Happily, the second pair of Ben Selley and Simon Clarke continued their unbeaten start to the season, thumping the Whitchurch third pair 6-2, 6-2 and the first pair 6-1, 6-4 with their usual explosive brand of tennis.

Penarth's third pair of Geoff Morgan and Tom O'Brien also won both their matches, 6-3, 6-2 against the visiting 2nd pair, and 6-4, 6-2 against their opposite numbers.

The men's third team are just one division below the second team, and began their campaign in Division Six East with a narrow 4-5 home defeat against Caerphilly's second team.

The first pair of Tom Pegg and Paul Robinson won one rubber easily but lost the other two, both on the dreaded third set tie-breaker.

The second pair of Dave Wilson and Colin Scammell managed to win two rubbers, one on a tie-break, but lost the other in straight sets.

The third pairing of Peter Snowton and Joe Hall also won one rubber on a match tie-break but lost the other two.

The ladies' second team have begun their season in Division Five

East with one win and one defeat. Their first match was a home tie against Dinas Powys' fourth team, in which the first pair of Vanessa Parselle and Beth Randall won their two rubbers in straight sets.

The second pair of Isobel Symonds and Kathy Muse won one of their two rubbers, but the third pair of Olivia Muse and Susan Lyons lost both their matches on third set tie-breaks.

However, the two sets won by Olivia and Susan proved crucial as Penarth won the match on sets countback with the scores tied at 3-3.

The ladies took a weaker team to their second match, away to Whitchurch second team, and were beaten 1-5. Only Penarth's second pair of Susan Lyons and Milly Williams managed to win one rubber, although the first pair of Deborah Gale and Olivia Muse were narrowly beaten on a third set tie-break in another.

The third pair Jill Monroe and Jane Crofts lost their matches in straight sets.

Stay tuned for more news of Penarth's team matches next week, in particular the clash between the first teams of Penarth and Penarth Windsor to see who will lead Premier Division Three after four matches. Windsor will start as the favourites but with an improved squad this year, the Rectory Road side are in with an outside chance.

For membership queries please visit www.pltc.org.uk or contact Chrissie Pegg on 07770473261.

For coaching, go to www.rothecoach.co.uk or contact Rob Cunningham on 07909987359.

Obi looks for peace and quiet!

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THIS week: Obi is an 18-month-old neutered female, who is very friendly and gentle and likes having a lap to curl up on.

This is Obi's second visit to the centre; she was originally brought in because the home she was in was very busy and she found it too much to cope with. We found her a new home, but she was returned soon afterwards because her owner was allergic to her.

Obi needs a quiet home with no young children where she can be the one and only cat. She is a real sweetie and will make someone a lovely companion; she has been with us for over two months now, so is really desperate for somewhere to call home.

SUE DOBBS



Transition workshop

TRANSITION Cowbridge has organised a vegetable growing workshop on Saturday, June 5 (10am-4pm).

The workshop will cover the basics from planning and preparing a vegetable plot, soil, compost, crop rotation and how to plant. Cost (£15) to include lunch.

Further details on this workshop or others in the series from Dinky Kennedy on 01446 775686, or transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com

POINT-to-point enthusiasts from all over the country will be flocking to Bonvilston on Bank Holiday Monday for the Countryside Alliance Club (Wales) meeting and all eyes will be on farmer's son John Mathias (aged 19), who is making a bold bid to bring the national riders' championship title back to Wales.

Cowbridge's James Tudor was the last Welshman to win in the 2006/07 season when he rode a total of 37 winners, and the legendary Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn was successful back in 1983.

Racing gets under way at 2pm and there will also be two pony races to wind up the south Wales season.

Meanwhile, a large crowd attended the sun-baked Gelligaer Farmers meeting where John

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Mathias and Nathan Deakin both came away with doubles.

Mathias was successful on *Rosies Peacock* (confined) and *Mac Two* (restricted division two) and Deakin won with *Grey Kid* (mixed open) and *Bunny McDougall* (aged horse maiden). Ogmores jockey Nick Williams, assistant trainer to Evan Williams – no relation – was full of praise for the officials who spent days watering the course to provide good going for the horses. No doubt, Bonvilston farmer Tudor Harris, who owns the land the Countryside Alliance meeting will be racing over, has been out with his 'watering can' this week!

Shane Marsh, who rides out for Aberthryn trainer Tim Vaughan, chalked-up his first winner when landing the members' race on Paul Riddick's *Lester Leaps* In who beat stable mate

Pollerton Boy by just three parts of a length. *Pollerton Boy* was ridden by Robbie Williams who was having his first ride in a point-to-point. Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams had a double at Fakenham on Sunday with *Mutual Respect* and *Moon Melody*.

The latter was ridden by leading Welsh lady amateur rider Isabel Tompsett and the former by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Aberthryn's Tim Vaughan also came away with a winner when his former point-to-pointer *Dead Or Alive* landed the Rex Carter Memorial Handicap Chase under Richard Johnson.

You can email your news/views to Brian Lee at leebrian@btinternet.com or phone him on 029 2073 6438.

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Senior track and field championships Cardiff International Sports Stadium

Curtis signs off in style at athletics event

CURTIS MATHEWS was the star of the show at the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' senior championships, held at Cardiff International Sports Stadium at Leckwith.

The Barry Comprehensive year-13 student showed that he is in the shape to have an excellent summer of track and field, retaining his high jump, long jump and discus titles with improved performances on 2009.

Although he was closest to a new championship best in the long jump, where his 6.52 metres was only three centimetres short of

Chris Shepherd's 1996 mark, he was perhaps most impressive in the discus.

By Brett Morse's 2007 championships best of 52.64 metres, a winning discus mark of 39.41 might seem poor, but the lightness on his feet in the turn suggests that, as the season unfolds, he has the potential to improve by another five metres.

If one year-13 ended his appearance at this event on a high, there were mixed fortunes for two of last year's record breakers. Although she retained the triple jump title, and claimed the 100 metres hurdles title, Bro

Morgannwg year-13 Elinor Lewis will be disappointed that, after years of setting new championship bests, she failed at her opening height in the defence of her pole vault crown.

That failure may not be down to her technique. A significant part of the problem may well have been that one of the new upstarts could not be moved back to the 80-centimetre mark. The system could only be adjusted to 63 centimetres, whereas Lewis would have preferred the upstarts set back to at least 70 centimetres. It is a small margin, but one that can result in failure rather than clearance.

For the second of last year's record breakers, Ayla Phillips, a pupil at Llantwit Major Comprehensive up to last year but now studying at Barry College, there is a problem of confidence.

In the hammer competition, the event at which she has set new best marks in her age group since 2006, at present she is trying too hard and overturning. The outcome is often a distance well below what she is capable of. Her winning distance of 24.94 metres is 10 metres down on last year, but was her only throw within the sector.

Once she relaxes and the technique improves, she knows that she has the ability to crack the 40-metre barrier – and she also has the knowledge that she has one more year at this competition. To add to the disappointment on the day, her winning put in the shot was also not up to her 2009 mark.

Her Vale 'throws' partner, year-13 Sian Balchin (Kings Monkton) retained her discus and javelin titles, improving her winning distance in the discus.

On the track, there

were enough competitors in the boys' 100 and 200 metres to warrant heats and a final.

Former St Richard Gwyn pupil Jamie Sexton, now competing in the colours of Barry College, won his heat and the final of the 100 metres. Year-12 students James Wiltshire (St Cyres, 400), Owen Haswell (Stanwell, 1,500) and Darren Jones (Llantwit, 2,000 Steeplechase) all had comfortable wins but the cool and blustery conditions resulted in times slower than they would have wanted.

The Cowbridge team scores were boosted by a shot and hammer double from Reuben Tucker, victory in the javelin from Nick Davies, a 400 hurdles and long jump double for Alice Thomas, and wins in the 1,500 metres and high jump respectively for Elspeth Bisson and Nicole Collier.

After her long-time absence because of injury, it was also good to welcome back Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres) with the year-12 student taking the 3,000 metres. The Cowbridge policy of fielding two athletes in almost all events paid dividends as the school won both team competitions.

The winners from these championships will receive their award at the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools track and field presentation evening at Cardiff High on Tuesday, September 7, starting at 7pm.

Before that event, Cardiff and the Vale team organisers Miss Sarah Moore and Mr Dai Williams (Glantaf) will be hoping that many of the athletes who took part at this fixture will also represent the district at the Aviva Welsh Schools National cham-

pionships, at Brecon on Saturday, July 3.

Cardiff and the Vale are defending the overall points trophy, which they won for the second time in three years last year.

Results of Vale pupils – **Senior boys** – 100: Ht 1: 4 Tom Phillips (Stan) 12.2; 6 Tom Sander (Cow) 12.5; Ht 2: 1 Jamie Sexton (Barry Coll) 11.6; 2 Fred White (Cow) 12.2; 4 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 12.5; Fin: 1 Jamie Sexton (Barry Coll) 11.4; 6 Fred White (Cow) 12.2; 200: Ht 1: 2 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 24.1; 4 Fred White (Cow) 24.5; Ht 2: 1 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 23.7; 6 Robbie Thompson (Barry Comp) 27.6; Fin: 2 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 23.4; 5 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 24.1; 6 Fred White (Cow) 24.3; 400: 1 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 52.1; 2 Hywel Arcos (Barry Comp) 55.5; 4 Tom Harrison (Cow) 58.5; 5 Josh Kemp (Cow) 67.9; 800: 3 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 2:12.3; 6 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 2:49.7; 7 Russell Watkins (Cow) 2:54.3; 1,500: 1 Owen Haswell (Stan) 4:24.9; 3 Joe Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 4:47.8; 4 Mike Rosser (Cow) 5:13.4; 5 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 5:25.2; 3,000: 2 Rhys Alexander (Cow) 12:01.1; 3 Josh Kemp (Cow) 13:20.5; 4 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 13:36.2; 110H: 2 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 18.6; 4 Tom Harrison (Cow) 21.7; 400H: 2 Tom Phillips (Stan) 61.3; 4 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 65.6; 5 Sam Morgan (Cow) 69.9; 2,000 Sc: 1 Darren Jones (Llantwit) 7:11.0; 3 Tom Sander (Cow) 9:32.0; Rel: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 1.87; 2 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 1.80; 3 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 1.75; LJ: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp)

6.52; 2 Thomas Sander (Cow) 5.96; 4 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 5.46; TJ: 3 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 11.91; 5 Tom Harrison (Cow) 11.24; SP: 1 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 11.25; 2 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 10.23; 7 Hywel Arcos (Barry Comp) 7.92; Joe Hamonda (Barry Coll) 7.85; DT: 1 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comp) 39.41; 2 Nick Davies (Cow) 29.99; 4 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 24.88; HT: 1 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 22.80; 2 David Pittman (Barry Coll) 20.24; 3 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 18.02; 4 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 15.28; JT: 1 Nick Davies (Cow) 35.61; 4 Stefan Kitchen (Cow) 32.84; 5 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 30.00; 7 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 23.39.

Team: 1 Cowbridge 404.5; 5 Barry Comprehensive 97; 6 Barry College 64; 9 Bro Morgannwg 47.5; 10 Stanwell 39; 11 St Cyres 32; 12 Llantwit 17.

Senior girls – 100: 2 Amber Pringle (Bryn H) 16.3; 3 Louise Edwards (Cow) 16.8; 200: 2 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 31.6; 3 Emily Renwick (Cow) 36.5; 400: 3 Beth Jarvis (Cow) 71.7; 4 Alice Thomas (Cow) 79.9; 800: 3 Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) 2:54.0; 4 Sabrina James (Cow) 3:01.3; 5 Megan Allman (Cow) 3:28.3; 1,500: 1 Elsbeth Bisson (Cow) 6:57.2; 2 Lucy Williams (Cow) 6:57.3; 3,000: 1 Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres) 13:48.7; 2 Holly Preece (Cow) 14:30.6; 3 Alison Bater (Cow) 14:41.8; 100H: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 18.3; 2 Kathryn Brown (Cow) 23.1; 400H: 1 Alice Thomas (Cow) 91.6; Rel: 1 Cowbridge 60.5; 2 Bryn Hafren 65.6; HJ: 1 Nicole Collier (Cow) 1.35; 2 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 1.05; 3 Jade



Jamie Sexton (Barry College) won his heat and the final of the 100 metres.



A senior title for Darren Jones (Llantwit) in the 2,000 metres steeplechase.



Disappointment for Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) with three failures at her opening height in the pole vault.

REPORT BY PETER MORRIS PHOTOGRAPHS BY IAN DIXON

Star golf club graduates are on home turf!



ABOVE: Stephen Dodd (centre) with Martin Vaughan and Calvin O'Carroll.

THREE of Brynhill Golf club's famous 'old boys' took a break from their professional schedule to play a little social golf back in Barry.

Stephen Dodd, who has already won more than \$250,000 this year in tournaments around the world, was joined by Martin Vaughan and Calvin O'Carroll, who are both teaching professionals at the world-famous La Manga Golf complex.

A club spokesman

said: "As well as being a friendly and welcoming club, Brynhill has turned out a steady production line of seriously-talented young golfers.

"Other players who have made their mark include Rhys Davies, Kyron O'Sullivan, Lewis James and Iestyn Taylor, who all reached the professional ranks after starting out at Brynhill."

He added: "Are there many other clubs that can boast as many professional golfers from their junior section?"

"So, why not give the pro a call and learn the game at Brynhill?"

Friday futsal set to sweep Vale

JUST in time for the World Cup, a new style of football is set to sweep the Vale with the launch of a Friday night Futsal League.

Boys aged 12 to 16 can get their mates together to create teams and play for free in the new league each week at the Cadoxton Sports Hall between 7pm and 9pm as part of the 5x60 scheme.

Invented in Brazil, futsal is an indoor version of football that uses a smaller ball with reduced bounce, encouraging players to use their flair and creativity, just like present day samba stars such as Kaka and Luis Fabiano.

Ben Williams, one of

the Vale Council's 5x60 Officers, has set up the league in partnership with local youth project 'Kick It' to create another way for local teenagers to hit the national target of exercising for at least 60 minutes, five days a week.

He said: "Don't just watch the World Cup, create your own competition by playing in the futsal league each week. You only need five to eight players for a team, and it costs nothing to play. All local teenagers are invited to put teams together, no matter what school you go to."

For further information about the futsal league please call Ben Williams on 07725 829801.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (TRINITY STREET, BARRY) DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (VARIATION) ORDER 2010

1. On the 19th May 2010 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 31st May 2010,

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

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SCHEDULE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations, Barry) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2006, the following paragraph to be deleted from the Schedule:

Trinity Street, Barry

On its south-western side from a point approximately 7 metres south-east of its junction with the south-eastern side of Porthkerry Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Dated this 27th day of May 2010.

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

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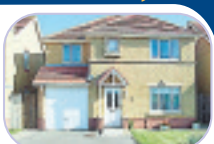
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The care given to David by Dr Jones' practice staff, especially Dr Pardoe, Sister Maggie and staff of Ward 16, Princess of Wales Hospital, Velindre Hospital, staff and nurses at Y Bwthyn Newydd.
To Father Julian Jenkins for all his support.
Thomas Bros, Cowbridge, for being so understanding, and contributors to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.
David will be forever in our hearts.

BINMORE Elizabeth Winifred née Dimascio
At Princess of Wales Hospital on Tuesday May 18, 2010, following a short illness, Betty, formerly of Cardiff and St Athan.
Beloved wife of the late Ivor and loving and much-loved mother of Elizabeth and the late Adrian and Michelle, also dear mother-in-law of Jan, Joy and Mary. Adored nana of John, Tina and Wyn.
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COWBRIDGE PUPILS' COUNTRY WALK BOOSTS FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID



A TOTAL of 53 pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive recently walked from Cowbridge Town Hall car park to Pendoylan Church in support of Christian Aid.

The pupils, staff and parents crossed the fields to Aberthin, then walked along the lanes to Welsh St Donats and finished the walk by following the paths through Hensol Woods to Pendoylan.

The weather was kind to the walkers and the most difficult part of the day was getting the 67 walkers over about 20 stiles!

The pupils were met

at Pendoylan Church by the Reverend Edwin Counsell, vicar of Pendoylan.

Members of staff were seen taking on liquid at the Red Lion Pub soon afterwards!

The day was a great success – as well as pupils taking part, six mums and dads turned out and eight members of staff walked with the pupils.

The school are grateful to the community of Welsh St Donats for the use of the village hall as a comfort stop. More than £1,500 has been raised by the walkers and their supporters. Thanks are due to all who took part in and supported the walk.

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Cottrell Park golf tourney to mark Armed Forces Day

NATIONAL Armed Forces Day will be held in Cardiff on June 26, and a number of events are planned in the

run-up to it, including an Armed Forces Golf Tournament.

The tournament will take place on

Wednesday, June 23, at Cottrell Park Golf Club. The tournament is open to current serving Armed Forces personnel, reserve forces, veterans, cadets and personnel

working within the MoD.

The day will feature both a Royal British Legion individual competition and a team competition dedicated to the Richard Hunt Foundation.

Cottrell Park has two 18-hole courses and the club has agreed to sponsor the day by waiving the green fees.

Tickets for the tournament are £20, which will include 18 holes of golf, a bacon roll and a hot drink on arrival, plus a hog roast buffet and a presentation to the lucky winners.

The main organiser of the tournament, Dave Morris, who is also a member of the Armed Forces Day Committee, said: "This event is the first of its kind for National Armed Forces Day and we hope to repeat the event again next year."

"I would personally like to thank both the sponsor of the individual event, the Royal British Legion, and Hazel Hunt of The Richard Hunt Foundation, who will be presenting the prizes to the winners of the team event."

Anyone interested in taking part can go to www.armedforcesday-wales.co.uk and follow the links to download an application form, or contact Dave Morris from the Armed Forces Day committee on 01446 772043, or email: davcemorris@tiscali.co.uk

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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

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Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00481/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolish existing dwelling construction of new including conversion existing barn
Location/Lleoliad: The Rickyard, Upper Farm Court, Rhose Road, Rhose
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Rhose
Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00492/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Addition of porch and enclosed patio to side and rear of existing dwelling
Location/Lleoliad: Ty Ffynnon, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanmaes

Listed Building Consent Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00497/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of new lean to single storey workshop in location of ruined existing outbuilding
Location/Lleoliad: Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00496/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of new lean-to single storey workshop in location of ruined existing outbuilding
Location/Lleoliad: Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major
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Dated: 27 May, 2010
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Evenlode Primary pupils enjoy their 'smashing' day's tennis



Budding Vale tennis players are pictured with tennis coach Rob Cunningham.

PUPILS from Evenlode Primary School in Penarth have retained their title as the Vale's top tennis aces after winning seven out of nine events in a county-wide primary schools championships.

In a competition organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team in conjunction with local tennis coaches, teams of boys and girls from across the Vale served, volleyed and smashed their way through singles and doubles matches in three age groups at Windsor and Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Clubs.

Evenlode won the majority of the titles available last year, but had even more success this time around, starting with a clean sweep of the boys, girls and mixed events in the year-6-and-under age group (mini green).

The school also tasted victory in the boys and girls events at year-5-and-under (mini orange), with Llansannor Primary School taking the mixed title; while in the youngest category of year-3-and-under (mini red) Evenlode also won the boys and girls competitions, with St Andrew's Major C/W Primary School triumphing as mixed champions.

All of the winners will now go forward to represent the Vale at the south Wales regional finals.

The Vale Council's Dragon Sport co-ordinator Rachel McGuinness said: "Tennis is extremely popular in the Vale and all of the children who played in the championships had a great time."

Archers hit the support bullseye!



Junior archers Isaac, Liam and Ben checking that their arrows have hit the target at Boverton Archery Court.

THANKS to the incredible generosity of the people of Llantwit Major, Llantwit Major Junior Archers have managed to raise an amazing £1,080 towards the cost of a new sit-on lawn-mower and shed for their outdoor practice site at Boverton Archery Court.

The young Archers hope to hit their fundraising target on Saturday, June 5, when they will take part in a 12-hour sponsored shoot!

For the only time this year, the court will be open to members of the public from 1pm-4pm on

that date – a fantastic chance to have a go at archery for only £1 with some of Wales' top instructors!

The juniors would like to say a huge thank you to Filco Stores and their customers, and also the team of 'Super Mum' organisers and archers, Caroline, Sally, Catherine, Claire, Julie, Nathan, Connor, Molly, Verity, Liam, Gethyn, Kath, Joe, Ben and Jack.

Very special thanks to the archery instructors for the juniors, Mark and Yoke Lunn, as well as the archery club committee for their support.

Please contact the club through the website www.lmarchers.com

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St David's pupils helps ice hockey team to gold

A VALE schoolboy who plays for Cardiff Junior Devils, Jake Roberts of St David's School, Colwinston, was recently selected to represent his region as part of the South West Conference ice hockey team.

The Conference teams – south west England, south east England, mid-

land, northern England, and Scotland – travelled to Hull in early May to compete in the junior inter-conference championship. The selection process is tough, with this tournament showcasing the best junior ice hockey talent in the UK.

The south west team enjoyed an easy 7-1 win over northern conference, and followed that up with a 3-0 win over scottish conference late the same evening.

Their match the next day, against the midland conference, ended with a 1-0 loss, after captain Josh Waller just failed to capitalise on a penalty shot for the equaliser.

The following morning saw another comfortable win put them through to the final.

South West had something to prove in the final – and did just that, taking their scoring opportunities and defending well to win by 5 – 3 to take home the gold medal.

STAGS' FIRSTS CELEBRATE DOUBLE SUCCESS

NATHAN BAKER led his Barry First XI out in the first of their encounters with Cardiff Gymkhana CC – the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

The first innings began in Barry's favour, with openers, Peter Hellyar and James Haswell, making good use of the new ball and taking wickets at regular intervals. Figures of 3-50 from 15 overs (Hellyar) and 3-33 from 12 overs (Haswell) helped the Stags to gain early momentum in the match.

The high standard of bowling was backed up by a number of top quality catches from the Stags – including a catch for a surprise contender for 'Fielder of the Year', Scott Malpas, who has now taken five catches in four matches this season.

The Stags never lost control of this match, and with fine bowling from the rest of the bowling attack – Steve Jones (2-53), Billy Usswald (2-20) and Jake Griffith (0-32) – the Stags bowled Cardiff Gymkhana out for 198 runs.

With the visiting side still waiting for the forecast showers, the Stags got their innings under way in comfortable fashion, with a steady scoring rate and no risks being taken.

After seeing off the opening bowlers, Barry seemed in control and were not losing many wickets.

The top order batsmen saw off the early pressure and with crucial knocks from Lee Morgan (26), Ian Gadd (60) and Anjan Ganapathy (26), the Stags were in full control.

With a good contribution from the extras column and a cameo performance from Jophin Reji (24), Barry soared home – scoring 201-8 from 46.1 overs.

Barry won by two wickets,

claiming their second set of maximum points (20 points).

Return game

This victory meant that the Stags were carrying the momentum into the re-scheduled match against Cardiff Gymkhana, at Llanrumney University Fields.

Mr Reliable was there again, at the toss, as Nathan Baker won and chose to field first.

The pitch was described as a 'dust-bowl' before the match had started and it certainly lived up to that name as the ball exploded from the track, causing some real problems for the home side.

Some excellent bowling from James Haswell (15-2-50-3) and from Steve Jones (15-2-51-2) saw the home side struggling for runs.

However, I Jaura and A Ashrav were restoring hope for Gymkhana and bringing them back into the match.

After a very thorough discussion, Nathan Baker risked the innings by bringing on Martin Baker. The risk paid off as Baker Snr grabbed the prize wicket of Jaura for 72 runs, after some fine wicket-to-wicket bowling.

The Gymkhana innings failed to gather any more steam and as on Saturday, they were bowled out, this time for 210 runs.

After tea, the Stags knew what they had to do. The innings began brightly with the openers, Scott Malpas and Nathan Baker, taking immediate control of the match by smashing boundary after boundary from some pretty average bowling from the home side.

Malpas raced into the nervous '40s' but got caught chasing his 50... for 49. He wasn't happy and his facial expression was evident, as he walked into the changing room.

Baker proved his critics wrong by holding the innings together, keeping control of his shots and

timing the ball to perfection.

He, along with some much needed knocks from early favourite for 'Batsman of the Year', Ian Gadd (20 not out) and Steve Jones (11) brought the Stags to within touching distance and despite the dismissal of Nathan Baker, for a fine innings of 94, the Stags won with plenty of time to spare, scoring 211-8 from 44.1 overs.

Barry won by four wickets and claimed yet another 20 points for the season.

Stags Seconds need quality bowlers

Damon Leake took his Barry Second XI to pre-season title favourites, Croesyceiliog and, with a number of players unavailable, he was forced to bring in the bare bones of the Stag second XI squad.

In sunny conditions and a very hard batting track, Leake won the toss and elected to bat first.

Openers Damon Leake and Ashley Baker got the Stags off to a steady start, scoring 33 runs from 11 overs.

Despite the Stags being in a comfortable position, Baker played a rash shot and was caught behind for 18.

Partnerships started and stopped for the Stags, with batsmen getting started but not continuing – with the likes of Jonathan Phillips (16) failing to re-live his maiden 50 against Radyr.

The Stags were beginning to gain momentum towards the end of the innings, with Simon Phillips (31) and Martin Baker (38) sticking with Leake for crucial parts of the innings.

However, Leake was finally dismissed for 80, after batting admirably. He walked off to a standing ovation from both sec-

tions of the crowd.

Barry continued the momentum and finished the innings on 240-7 from their 50 overs.

After the interval, Barry set out defending their total and with the quality they were up against.

It was either going to be a close game or it would be all over quite soon. Sadly, chances were very rare to come across.

The Croesyceiliog batsmen played superbly and despite the efforts of the Barry bowlers, including Sam Johnson and Neil Holmes, Barry were left in humiliation as the target of 241 was reached within 36 overs – without the loss of a wicket.

Despite losing by 10 wickets, Barry picked up five points for their batting efforts and can look forward to a more winnable match, against Rogerstone Welfare CC.

Thirds rue missed chances

Andy Ellis' Barry Athletic 3rd XI played host to Machen CC, on the back of an impressive win against Cardiff.

Andy won the toss and chose to field first. The Stag faithful welcomed back Cesc Andre, who had come out of retirement to play for the home team.

The match began in the same fashion as the Barry vs Cardiff match, with Machen racing to 82-1 from their first 11 overs.

This is an area of the match in which the Stags need to work on if they want to be challenging at the top of the table, come the end of the season.

The lack of experience in the Barry side was exposed as the run rate kept rising and there was some average fielding – to the dismay of the home crowd.

After drinks, the Stags upped their efforts and caused some real

problems for the visitors.

Bowlers, Sam Johnson (2-52), Dafydd Frost (2-46), Andy Ellis (2-30), Richie Roberts (1-40) and Ashley Baker (1-19), helped bring the match back into the balance.

The innings was one for Baker to forget, towards the end, as he became a serious contender for 'dropped catch of the season' – with an opportunity described as one that his six-year-old brother (Wesley) could take.

Machen rallied to a total of 219-8 from 40 overs.

The second innings began in similar fashion to the first, as runs were very common in the opening 10 overs of the innings.

However, wickets began to fall rather quickly and after hitting an impressive 63 last week, Ashley Baker was unable to repeat his heroics as he fell for 18.

Andy Ellis (40) showed some improvement and batsmen were getting starts but couldn't capitalise on the poor standard of bowling.

Despite the efforts of batsmen, Sam Johnson (18 not out) and Richie Roberts (30), Barry failed to get within touching distance of the target and finished on 170-7 from their 40 overs, losing by 49 runs.

Despite losing, the Stags claimed eight points and are hoping to put things right as quickly as possible.

Under-9s

Barry Athletic CC under-9s began their first mini-tournament of the league campaign, at a very drizzly Penarth.

Barry's first match was against Lisvane, who bowled very consistently to gain the upper hand in this tight encounter.

Thankfully, with some excellent batting performances from Rhys and Sam, Barry battled to 218 runs.

Lisvane began strongly in their reply, with runs coming at regular intervals. Barry stuck at it and kept battling but couldn't prevent Lisvane from reaching 243 runs at the end of their innings. Lisvane won by 28 runs.

Barry's second match was against the hosts, Penarth CC. Barry batted first and after a word of wisdom from acting team manager, Martin Baker, the mini-Stags were playing better.

Josh impressed with the bat and along with a few extras from the home side, Barry soared to 252 runs – a great effort from the boys.

The second innings began very strongly for the Stags, as runs were hard to come by for Penarth.

There was some great bowling from Evan (including two wickets in his over), Josh (with a very tight over) and Matthew (with his first ever wicket in the under-9s), Penarth were way off – finishing on 225 runs. Barry won by 27 runs.

Barry's final match of the day came against Creigiau and with a win under their belt, the mini-Stags were looking for their second win of the morning.

Barry chose to bat first and it seemed to be a good choice as great batting performances – offensive and defensive – from Reuben, Lawrence and Josh turned into a very competitive score, as the Stags finished on 264 runs.

A special mention goes to Wesley Baker, who hit his first boundary for the under-9s.

Creigiau managed to secure a tie – also finishing on 264 runs.

Barry team: Reuben, Sam, Wesley, Evan, Josh, Matthew, Lawrence, Tom, Rhys.

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LOCAL MARTIAL ART STUDENTS PASS 'DAN' GRADE TESTS

THE British Tae Kwon Do Control Board (BTCB), held its 87th Dan Grade promotion test in Mansfield for more than 170 candidates.

After months of hard work and intensive training, four students from Wales Taekwondo based in the Vale successfully took their Dan Grade promotion tests on May 8-9.

Ryan Mackeprang, Kevin Hiscock, Sasha Walters and Ian Mullen participated in the biggest grading that the BTCB have held to date, with 95 candidates taking their 1st Dan black belt test on the Saturday and more than 70 candidates taking their 2nd Dan and above promotion tests on the Sunday.

The chief examiner and head of the BTCB technical committee, Master Lennox, said that despite the large number of candidates, the standard had been the highest the judging panel had seen.

There had been several failures over both days demonstrating that it was no mean feat to achieve the standard that the examining board was looking for in order to gain promotion.

However, all four can-



ABOVE: Paul Jones pictured with his students.

didates from Wales stepped up to the mark and demonstrated great skill, technical ability and etiquette in their tests leading to huge success.

All students had to complete a patterns section, destruction and a range of sparring and self-defence techniques and had to pass patterns and at least one of the other two sections in order to be promoted.

Ryan Mackeprang took his 1st Dan promotion test as the only junior from Wales and passed all three areas with flying colours, proving that dedication and determination really does pay off and result in a fantastic performance.

Kevin Hiscock also took his 1st Dan promotion test and demonstrated an excellent standard again passing all three areas exceptionally well. Both students have now been promoted to black belt and begin their journey to become fully capable martial artists.

Sasha Walters took her 2nd Dan promotion test the following day and passed all three areas to a high standard, receiving praising comments from the examiners upon completion.

Ian Mullen was the highest grade from Wales and took his 3rd Dan promotion test, passing all elements to such a high degree that the chief examiner informed him

that he was "technically excellent" during the post grading presentation.

Master Paul Jones, chief instructor of Wales Tae Kwon Do, was exceptionally proud of all four students' performance.

Overall, the event was a great victory for all participants and Wales Tae Kwon Do in general. It showed the passion that the students have for the art.

The whole team from

Llantwit Major and Llantrisant, who comprise Wales Tae Kwon Do, are now in training for a series of national and international competitions held by the BTCB, the only association to be affiliated with the British Olympic Committee (BOC).

For further details of the club and upcoming events please contact Master Paul Jones (5th Dan) on 07966171849 or 01446 790082.

Mini Dragons enjoy their south coast tournament

RECENTLY, Barry Welsh Dragons under-10s and under-11s travelled to the Isle of Wight to take part in a football tournament.

The weather was perfect and teams from all around England played a full day of football. For the under-10s, there were goals from Harry Williams, Jackson O'Sullivan and Ashleigh Taylor Moore, and they had plenty of opportunities on goal as a result of some terrific play from Anthony Cannon, Cameron Pemberton and Lucy Hinder.

In defence, tackle master Sabian Griffiths just could not be beaten.

Jac Marshall in goal finished the fantastic line-up.

The under-11 contingent was just as keen to show the English how well they could play.

Frustration was evident from the opposition as it soon became clear that they would not buckle under pressure, and every game they played was drawn.

In goal was Tyler James Ude, defence was led by Ewan O'Sullivan, Alex Glass and Bradley Johns with Ben Brown, Thomas Hubbard and Dean Clarke in midfield and Macauley Ross up front. Ffion Thomas was unable to play, as she broke her wrist the day before the tour!

All of the boys and girls were presented a

Welsh point-to-pointers

Lady Myfanwy and Oca De Thaix fought out the finish of the Susan Guest Memorial Ladies' Open Race at the Golden Valley Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bredwardine on Saturday.

It was the former, who is qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt, which emerged the winner.

Lady Myfanwy, owned by Paul Miles and trained by his wife Myfanwy, jumped the last fence just ahead of Oca De Thaix and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths. Lady Myfanwy was ridden by Sally Randell, who was full of praise for the prolific bay mare who has now won 23 times and these wins include three hunter chases.

Oca De Thaix, an eight-year-old bay gelding, was partnered by his

owner Charlotte Evans, who was riding in a point-to-point for only the second time.

Paul and Myfanwy made it a day to remember when their four-year-old chestnut gelding Findley's Find romped home 12 lengths ahead of Sheran in the second division of the young horse maiden race.

Findley's Find, who once cost a previous owner Harry Finlay £105,000, was ridden by 30-year-old Gwyn Marsh who had time to look around in the closing stages of the race for non-existent dangers.

Jay Ell The Trier, who is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, finished third under Kevin O'Keefe, and could lose his maiden tag before the season ends.

Marsh, who hails from Hengoed but who now lives in Somerset, was riding only his second winner and only came in for the ride after a number of other riders had turned it down.

The first division of this race also went to Wales when Clover

Rock, partnered by Wales' leading rider John Mathias, held off the strong challenge of GetMeOutThe Doldrums, ridden by Mark Wall, to win by a neck. Clover Rock, a seven-year-old brown gelding, was bought in Ireland by John's uncle Richard Mathias, and should go on to better things.

In the men's open race, Welsh hopes rested with the favourite Minsgill Mans ridden by John Mathias. However, the prolific 12-year-old couldn't go the pace in the closing stages and was outpaced by the winner Waynesworld (Tom Weston) and SheKnowsYouKnow (Mark Wall).

There were four lengths between the winner and runner-up and a

further four lengths between the runner-up and Minsgill Mans. The fourth horse to finish was the 14-year-old grey Ross River who, ridden by his owner/trainer/ride Evan David, at one time looked like springing a surprise.

Mr PHD Wright's Comrade Bob (Luke Morgan) had one-and-a-half lengths to spare over Arbour Hill in the 17-strong restricted, in which the Pentrych qualified Tostaky ran well for a long way before fading out.

The aged maiden race went to the favourite Smoker's Choice (Jeremy Mahot) who won by two-and-a-half lengths from Market Bob (Rob Hodges).

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THE Perry Shield open teams and the Ladies' Spickett Bowl, both took place recently in Llandrindod Wells.

The competitions between the four areas of Wales, east, mid, north and west are held annually. Three Barrivale players played in the winning east Wales teams. Tim Barsby was in the Perry Shield and Joan Jenkins and Noelle Bond were in the Spickett Bowl.

Club open pairs championship, Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 18:

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CADOXTON BOWLERS SUFFER FIRST CUP DEFEAT OF SEASON

THE dreaded trip to Cowbridge, for Cadoxton, in the Munro Cup, brought their first defeat of the season in this competition.

Only one point was collected, which went to the rink skipped by Gary Jones. They led by two shots, in a very closely fought game, going into the final end.

Unfortunately, two shorts for the home side snatched the lead away.

Kelvin Chedzoy also skipped his rink in a close encounter, and despite winning the last two ends failed by just one shot.

Don Kuhnell's rink did not start functioning until a '5' against on the eighth end left them trailing 16-2. A trail on the jack for four shots started the recovery. This was followed by another '4' after a single, and things were looking brighter, and the gap grew steadily closer.

However, three defeats on the last ends finished them off.

Les Cundliffe found himself in the unaccustomed place of skip, and although Howard Hellyar performed admirably, the opposition overall proved too strong.

At the halfway stage, the score had reached 17-0. A '2' stopped the rot with a '4' following shortly afterwards, but to no avail. The game ended with two winning ends to both sides.

D Evans, S Pycroft, H Craven, D Kuhnell 13-27 D Woolley, A Richard, J

Trott, B Richard. D Collard, H Hellyar, A Carpenter, L Cundliffe 7-26 C Wilson, E Sewell S Dickens, D Snelling.

G Davies, L Davies, I Robertson, K Chedzoy 17-19 M Davey, R Lewis, T Dunsworth, P Launder.

G Solomon, M Curtis, J Stewart, G Jones 14-14 D Powell, B Looker, J Jones, N Wilkinson.

Final score: 51-86. **CARRUTHERS CUP -**

CADOXTON v MAESTEG WELFARE

CADOXTON travelled to Maesteg with a weakened team, due to Cardiff City's involvement in the Wembley play-off for a place in the Premiership next season, and a number of regular supporters going to support their team.

The outcome was a victory for the home side. Graham Brown, with Andrew Hatcher coming in as third, skipped the only successful rink.

They were always behind until a run of three ends, when seven shots were scored, which took them into the lead for the first time by two shots, with one end left. Graham drew the shot with his last bowl, and although Phil Davies, an old campaigner, followed it by also drawing the shot, one shot was not enough.

Alan Carpenter found the going tough in the

early stages on his rink. They trailed 15-0 after seven ends when a '3' got them on the score-board. However, they still continued to struggle and the score reached 4-29. At this stage, a surge over the last seven ends brought them 12 shots with just one against.

Gary Jones's rink came up against another seasoned player, Glan Evans, and kept the scores level at 9-9. Their downfall came after the tea break when they lost the initiative.

Don Kuhnell steered his rink to a bright start, although the opposition led by Mel Trigg, managed to get a single on the first three ends with good heads against them. The visitors then drew away to a 12-5 advantage, and were well in charge but with a single against on the next end, the mat was brought right up, and a six was conceded, and over the next few ends a deficit of five shots opened up.

After gaining the shot superbly, in the last few ends, with the first bowl, Don then gave the two shots away, by touching the jack to the opposition with his second bowl. A four was recovered on the final end, but this was not enough.

D Evans, H Hellyar, S Pycroft, D Kuhnell 21-25; T Bishop, G Davies, J Davies, A Carpenter 16-30; P Ellis, W Eadie, A Hatcher, G Brown 18-17; D Tuck, M Curtis, W Vaughan, G Jones 15-23.

Final score: 70-95.

SVL 'A' CADOXTON A v LLANTWIT MAJOR A

THE 'A' side also had problems with completing their team - three new members filled the vacancies, including S Clarke making his debut.

Llantwit Major, without a first team game, arrived at Cadoxton with a fairly strong looking side. However, they only managed one winning rink.

The rink skipped by John Stewart, against Alan Gibbard were never behind, but a strong run in from the opposition brought the scores level with two ends left. Two singles gave the home side the points.

Graham Garland skipped his rink to a fine win. In a closely contested start they trailed by two shots after eight ends, but a '6' started a run of six winning ends which put them in an invincible lead.

Derek Brook had two of the newcomers on his rink and they trailed by two after eight ends, but the next four ends brought them three '3's with just a single against. Unfortunately, shots were conceded on the last three ends to bring the scores level.

G Solomon, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart 23-21 WP Jones, M Mason, R Harding, A Gibbard.

G Powell, D Collard, I Robertson, G Garland 26-16 D Lancaster, M Jones, M Adams, E Sparks.

S Clarke, K Tanner, R Cole, D Brook 18-18 D Mutlow, A Horgan, K Williams, E Hacker. S Clements, R Knight, V Bryant, R Harding 12-20 J Crane, K Morgan, N Scouse, GP Jones.

Final score: 79-75.

Summer skittles

BARRY TOWN are inviting teams to enter their annual summer skittles competition to begin on June 15.

A maximum of 10 members per team can compete for the trophy and various cash prizes.

Registration forms are available from the club which is open from mid-day every day, telephone 01446 735858.

CLIVE PHILLIPS

Barry cadets excel at Leckwith Stadium

CADETS from the local air cadet squadron in Barry recently took part in the annual athletics competition at Leckwith Stadium with great success.

The cadets took part in a variety of events at different age groups, and wound up taking second place overall.

The cadets were divided into categories; under-15 boys and girls, and over-17 boys and girls, against cadets from across the south Wales area. They competed in track events and field events such as discus, shot-put, high jump and javelin.

Cadets could be selected for the wing team where they represent south Wales against other areas in Wales.

Seven cadets from Barry squadron were selected, with Vanessa Lazenbury winning three events at Leckwith, the 100m sprint, javelin and discus. Eloise Johnson

won the javelin in her age group, and Peter Pemberton won the shot-put and discus. These cadets are now looking forward to the next event in May at DCAE Cosford.

Vanessa Lazenbury said: "Sporting events like this are a great way to meet new friends from squadrons across south Wales. I was really pleased to do so well, and

I'm looking forward to the next stage of the competition."

The cadets are now also looking forward to a action-packed summer of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, target shooting, field-craft weekends and kayaking.

If you have a spirit for adventure and want to join these cadets on their activities, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies

for boys and girls aged 13+. Call Flt Lt Jayne Hillard on 01446 747734, or visit the

squadron on Mondays or Wednesdays between 7pm and 9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Home near the Memorial Hall.

For more details on what the squadron can offer, log on to <http://372barryatc.webs.com>

Excellent season for Holmview badminton

HOLMVIEW Badminton Club are celebrating after two of the club's teams gained promotion after a tough league season.

The club is currently the only Barry-based badminton club in the Cardiff and District Badminton League (CDBL).

Club secretary Alan Griffiths told The GEM: "The CDBL has just finished and we secured promotion for two of our club teams to higher divisions."

"Our Mixed A team were promoted to division one, which is the highest

division in the league and plays at a very high level.

"Our Men's B side were also promoted, this time to division three. We have two men's teams, three mixed teams and two ladies' teams, and all the other teams stayed in their current divisions."

"The club is going from strength to strength and has attracted several new members in the last season which has strengthened all the teams and helped achieve these promotions."

For more information, visit the club's website on www.holmviewbadminton.co.uk

Athletic bowlers in an emphatic Cup victory

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club continued their WBA Carruthers Shield programme with an 83-67 victory at Bridgend Municipal last Saturday.

It was the club's third successive win in the all-Wales competition and was achieved thanks to Glyn Thomas' rink.

Skip Glyn led his squad of Steve McKernan, Colin Spillane and DK Williams, to an impressive 30-10 triumph that was sufficient to clinch the match.

However, there were mixed fortunes for an Athletic team weakened by withdrawals, due to other attractions!

Club captain Geoff Whittaker skipped his rink to a 24-15 win, while Robert Horgan tied 17-17. There was a defeat for Dave Snelling, who had been switched from lead to skip.

The Island club complete their qualifying schedule on Saturday with a home match against Maesteg Welfare.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Bridgend Municipal - J Ball, G Green, B Parrish, D Snelling 12; T Jones, D Beattie, C Thomas, B Davies 25.

D Evans, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 17; P Anderson, B Caldwell, P James, A Hunter 17.

J Beanland, B Summerell, L Stanley, G Whittaker 24; A Davies, B Goddard, M Jones, J Morse 15. S McKernan,

C Spillane, DK Williams, G Thomas 30; C Chard, B Bell, B Dobson, D Vincent 10.

The 'A' team's private greens' curtain raiser against Harlequins Aberdare was postponed because the valley club were unable to field a side. The Athletic should finally open their PG2 fixtures on Saturday with a visit to Cardiff Athletic.

The mid-week squad were narrowly beaten by Barry Plastics in a Munro Cup encounter at the Island ground last Wednesday night. The Plastics snatched a late 69-65 win, although there were successes for home skips Geoff Whittaker and Chris Wright.



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